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OF

THE SIXTH SESSION

OF THE

BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT

Mill Creek, Person County, N. C.

On the 3d, 4th and 5th days of Angust,

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A TABLE

SHOWING THE CHURCHES, OFFICERS, TIMES OF MONTHLY MEETINGS, &c.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Sabs.	DEACONS.	CLERKS.	Post Offices.
Beulah,	S. Pleasant,	2d	John Hagood.	W. Morgan,	Leesburg.
Clement,	Ditto,		J. J. Ellison, George Briggs,	T. K. Glenn,	Gordansville.
Country Line,	Ditto.	4th	A. Howard, —— Stamps M. Dotson,	T. W. Graves,	Yanceyville.
Cane Creek,	Ditto,	3d	T. D. Oldham, J. Crutchfeld, J. Reaves,	T. D. Oldham,	Clover Garden.
Ephesus,	T. King,	2d	O. Faulkner, B. Hallyburton,	O. Falkner,	Cunningham's.
Penuel,	S. Pleasant,	2d			Leesburg.
Mill Creek,	T. King,	4th	S. Gentry, G. Bailey,	S. Gentry,	Rocksborough.
Mars Hill,	S. Pleasant,	5th	J. Reding, H. G. Parrish,	H. G. Parrish,	Hillsborough.

such a reasoner of insanity; yet men will reason in this way about spiritual things, and find many advocates.

It is also said, if we educate our ministers, they will not preach without a large salary, which all Churches are not able to give, and consequently would be destitute. The demand being greater than the number of educated preachers, draws them all to the most important stations; to which they go, because they are qualified for them, and not for the sake of the compensation. If they were generally learned, then important places would soon be supplied, and the rest scattered through the country in general.

By some it is said, if we educate our young ministers, the unlearned ministers will be discountenanced. Whether we improve our ministry or not, this will, in a great measure, be the case. As hinted a while ago, the people are improving, and will not confine themselves to the ministry of a man who will take no pains to improve himself. As an evidence of this, see what a great difference there is in the size of the congregation of a learned and an unlearned minister. The only way to remedy this is to improve the minds of all who are called of God and wish it. This will bring all on an equality. Until this is done, this inequality will exist. If any refuse an education, when it is put within their reach, they must abide by the consequence. For those who are called of God to this work at an advanced state of life, and are not in a situation to improve themselves, many allowances should be made, and no doubt will be by all reflecting persons; for we have no inclination to prevent or discourage any from the work of the ministry, whom God has called. Allowances should also be made for those who entered upon the ministry many years ago, when it was not in their power to have obtained an education; but no such allowances will be made for those who are now entering upon that work; for all may now get an education who desire it, if they give satisfactory evidence of being called of God.

Perhaps some will say, have not the labors of many unlearned ministers been blessed? They have, in which we rejoice; yet it does not follow that they would not have been blessed had they been learned, or that they would not have been more abundantly blessed.

It is sometimes said, if we educate our ministers they will make use of large words which we cannot understand. That is altogether a mistake; for no person is so well qualified to

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bring down his ideas to the capacity of every person, as he who is well educated. It is true there are some who use words not understood by half the audience ; but they are mere quacks in knowledge, endeavoring to make a display of that which they do not possess. All such attempts at big words may be considered as an evidence of the want of a good education, instead of the legitimate consequence of one.

To conclude. Dear brethren, you are now apprised of the importance of an improved Baptist ministry, and we hope you will feel it your duty to aid in imparting the necessary instruction to our young brethren. If we have the will, we can easily assist in this work. Let us recollect that "there is that withholdeth more than is meet; but it tendeth to poverty." We know of no better plan to effect the thing now under consideration than for us to contribute to the Education Fund of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention. None are aided by that fund but those who produce a certificate from the church to which they belong, certifying that they are in full fellowship, and that they believe they are called of God to the work of the ministry. They are then examined by the Board, both on their experience and call to the ministry; and if approved, the person thus applying becomes a beneficiary. Let us live much at a throne of Grace, and be at peace among ourselves; and may the God of peace be with you!

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MINUTES

OF THE

BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Saturday, August 3.

1. The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder Stephen Pleasant from 1 Cor. ix. 16. "For necessity is laid upon me, yea wo is unto me if I preach not the gospel."

2. The Association was then organized, by appointing Elder S. Pleasant, moderator, Elder G. W. Purify, clerk, and brother N. J. Palmer, assistant clerk.

3. The letters from the churches were read, and their standing noted as follows:

CHURCHES.	Messengers' Names	Rec'd by baptism.	Received by letter.	Dismissed by letter.	Restored.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total number.	Contributions.
Beulah,	N. J. Palmer,							14	1 50
Clement,	George Briggs, J. J. Ellison, and Thomas K. Glenn,			3		1	1	52	3 00
Country Line,	A. Howard, *W. Slade, and *Calvin Graves,		3	4			1	68	4 00
Cane Creek,	T. D. Oldham, Jas. Crutchfield & G. W. Purify,	48		4		1		139	3 00

Ephesus,	*B. Hallyburton, J. Moore, and *O. Faulkner,	2	3				1	52	2 00
Penuil,	E. Morgan, and J. Bradsher,							12	1 00
Mill Creek,	T. King, Wm. Ramsey and Simon Gentry,	18	2	2		1	1	68	2 25
Mars Hill,	J. Reding, and *H. G. Parish,	2	2			1		32	2 00
		70	10	13		4	4	437	18 75

* Not present.

4. Invited corresponding messengers to sit with us. Elder E. Crutchfield and brother William Bridges, with minutes, from the Sandy Creek Association; Elder J. B. Smith, from Concord Association; Elders J. King and William H. Jackson and brother T. Hallyburton, from Flat River Association, took seats with us.

5. Elder Thomas King and brother Thomas D. Oldham were appointed a committee of finance.

6. Elders Thomas King, Wm. H. Jordan and E. Crutchfield, with the Moderator and Clerk, were appointed a committee of arrangement.

7. Appointed Elders Jordan, Smith, and Crutchfield to preach on the Sabbath.

Adjourned, to meet on Monday at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder William H. Jordan.

Sabbath, August 4.

Elder Enoch Crutchfield preached from 1 Peter ii. 7. "Unto you, therefore, which believe, he is precious."

Elder Wm. H. Jordan followed, from 1 Cor. vi. 20. "For ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

Elder J. B. Smith preached from the prophet Nahum i. 7. "The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him."

Elder R. M'Nabb concluded the services of the day by exhortation and prayer. We hope much good was done.

Monday, August 5.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Moderator.

1. Called over the Messengers' names.

2. The committee of arrangement reported, and were discharged.

3. Ministering brethren were invited to seats with us. Elder R. M'Nabb accepted the invitation.

4. The brethren appointed to attend sister Associations, as messengers from this body, reported satisfactorily.

5. Appointed messengers to the following Associations: Elders S. Pleasant and T. King, and brethren William Ramsay and G. Bailey, to Flat River; George W. Purify, N. J. Palmer, T. King and James Crutchfield, to Sandy Creek; Elders S. Pleasant, Thomas King and George W. Purify, and brother A. Howard, to Concord, third Sabbath in August; George W. Purify, N. J. Palmer and T. D. Oldham, to Raleigh, second Sabbath in October; Azariah Graves, jun. Rufus Stamps and William Russel, to Liberty, on the second Sabbath in August.

6. As the brother appointed to prepare a circular letter for these minutes, has failed to present one, Elder George W. Purify is requested to prepare one to accompany these minutes, to be inspected by S. Pleasant, Thomas D. Oldham, J. Crutchfield, J. Morrow, and J. Reaves.

7. The committee of finance reported that they had received from the churches $18 : 75 for the Association, $11 : 00 for the Convention, $7 : 00 for Foreign Missions, and $4 : 00 for Domestic Missions. The public collection on Monday amounted to $10 : 15.

8. Appointed Elders S. Pleasant and Thomas King, messengers to the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

9. The following resolutions were offered, and passed unanimously:

By Elder R. M'Nabb,

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend to the churches comprising this Association, to contribute more liberally to the different objects of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, than they have heretofore done.

Resolved, That a public collection be taken up to-day, with the view of sending one or more delegates to the next meeting of the Convention.

By Elder J. King,

Resolved, That this Association appoint the first Friday in

September as a day of thanksgiving for the blessings of the Lord conferred upon us, and prayer for a general revival of religion amongst us.

Resolved, That brother Calvin Graves, heretofore appointed to prepare a record of the origin and proceedings of this Association, be also requested to prepare a concise history of the cause that led to the formation of this Association, and also to state the location of the churches, and to report to the next Association.

10. Appointed Elder Thomas King to preach the Introductory Sermon at our next session, divine service to commence at 11 o'clock.

11. Appointed the next Association at Cain Creek M. H. Orange county, to commence on Saturday before the 1st Sabbath in August, 1840.

12. Brother Calvin Graves is appointed to write a Circular Letter, to be submitted to our next Association.

13. Appointed a section meeting, to be held at Country Line, to commence on Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in November next, to be attended by Elders Pleasant, King and Purify.

14. Ordered, that the Clerk superintend the printing of these minutes, and have three hundred copies struck, and distribute them according to the contributions sent up.

15. Ordered that the Clerk send to the sister Associations with which we correspond, as many copies of minutes as they have churches.

16. The churches composing this body, are requested to state in their letters the time of their constitution, and by whom.

17. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this body be tendered to the brethren and friends at this place, for their liberality in supporting this meeting.

18. Adjourned. Exhortation and prayer by Elder Thomas King.

STEPHEN PLEASANT, *Moderator*.

George W. Purify, *Clerk*.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

The following is the Circular Letter adopted by the committee appointed for that purpose.

The Elders and Brethren that compose the Beulah Association, to the Churches which they represent, send Christian salutation.

DEAR BRETHREN,

The subject we at present submit to your consideration is, THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION AMONG MINISTERS OF THE GOSPEL. Education is required and considered absolutely necessary in all other professions. If we have a suit in court, we secure the services of the most learned and skilful lawyers, even at a much greater expense. If we are dangerously ill, we secure the attendance of the most skilful and successful physician within our reach. How much more important to have those well informed on whom, in so great a degree, depends our eternal welfare? Of what importance is a law-suit, or bodily health, when compared with eternal things? Comparatively speaking, few are concerned with the learned professions, while every individual is deeply concerned in the ministry of the word.

Ministers are embassadors for Christ. We should complain if our Government should send embassadors to foreign powers who were illiterate and ignorant of the principles of our Government, when, at the same time, they might have sent men every way qualified. Why should we complain? Because so much depends on the embassy. Much more depends on the embassy upon which every minister of Christ is sent. "Whatsoever they bind on earth, shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever they loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Our ministering brethren, who have not enjoyed the advantages of an education, see and feel the responsibility they are under, and often cry out, "who is sufficient for these things?"

Learning is necessary to the proper understanding of the Scriptures. Much of them is a sealed book to those who are not acquainted with the manners and customs that prevailed when they were written. For instance, who, unless he was acquainted with the manner in which oriental marriages were conducted, could understand what our Saviour intended by the parable of the ten virgins? or what was meant by the necessity of putting new wine into new bottles, and the rent being made worse by putting a piece of a new garment into an old one, unless he has some acquaintance with Jewish history? Destitute of the same information, who could tell what Paul intended by the expression, " who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" Learning is necessary to enable us to settle properly the canon of scripture, which requires a knowledge of ecclesiastical history and the writings of the Fathers.

Learning among Protestant ministers is absolutely necessary for the defence of the truth against the superstitions of Rome. The Popish ministers are men of superior attainments in literature. We necessarily have to come in contact with them. Hence the necessity of learning among Protestant ministers. In 1831, the Roman Catholic Church increased fifty thousand in the valley of the Mississippi. By this valley, we mean that part of the United States the water of which empties into the Mississippi river. It is evident they are making an effort to obtain a redundance of influence in this country. If they secure their purpose, what will be the effect? The horrors of the inquisition! near relations spilling the blood of each other! With a learned Protestant ministry, and the blessing of Heaven upon their labors, we have nothing of this to fear.

The Christian religion is to be defended from the attacks of infidels. Many of them are learned, and their writings but too well calculated to deceive. A weak answer to infidel writings is worse than no answer; yet this is all that could be given by an illiterate minister. There are such persons in the most of our congregations. Every minister, therefore, should be able to answer any objection which skeptical persons may make to the truth of the Scriptures; for they are emboldened in the sin of unbelief, if they discover their questions and objections confuse a minister of the Gospel, and think they have achieved a great victory.

The improved state of society requires an improved ministry. People in general are improving, and will not attend the ministry of an illiterate man, as they would the ministry of the same individual had his opportunities been better. " Faith comes by hearing." If so, our opportunity for doing good will be in proportion to the number that attend our ministry; and this number of hearers will be, in general, in proportion to the stock of information possessed by the minister.

The Scriptures require an improved ministry. Our Saviour instructed his disciples three years before he gave them their commission to "go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature;" and then they were to wait until they were endued with power from on high before they dare open their mouths toward preaching. It is true they were sent before this to the lost sheep of the house of Israel; in which case they were taught what to say. Matt. x. 7. Some say, if I wait to get an education, precious souls will be perishing. With equal propriety the disciples might have said, Lord, if we tarry in Jerusalem, waiting for power from on high, souls will be dying in their sins. You have commissioned us; let us go and publish it immediately. We read of one who was instructed into the way of the Lord more perfectly. Is it not remarkable that he should not have said, souls are perishing; I have no time to be instructed more perfectly; let me go and do what I can with what I already know? Paul charged Timothy on two occasions to give himself to study. 1 Tim. iv. 13; 2 Tim. ii. 15. Had learning been unnecessary, the Apostle would never have given this charge to a young minister.

The importance of an improved Baptist ministry, we think, is evident from the following considerations, with many others that might be adduced. The scarcity of efficient Baptist ministers to fill important stations, speaks volumes upon this subject. There are many towns and villages now destitute of Baptist preaching, which might have been supplied, had we possessed a sufficiency of Baptist ministers possessing suitable qualifications. In defending what we conceive to be the truth, we meet with much opposition from those of a different opinion. In proportion to the information our ministers possess, will be their success in opposing error; hence the necessity of Baptist ministers enjoying equal advantages with those of any other denomination. Learning is influence. In order, then, to counteract an undue influence in favor of error, let us place our ministers, in point of learning, (for they possess the natural ability,) on a level with those of other denominations; and having truth on our side, we are sure of success.

We now propose to answer some objections. It is sometimes said, our Lord chose his disciples from a low class, and, from their occupations, they were illiterate; consequently he designed that their successors should be unlearned. We remark, that it does not follow, from their occupations, that they were illiterate; and, even if they were, we have already shown that they were instructed by the best teacher that ever taught about three years, and were afterwards endued with power from Heaven before they were at liberty to preach. Perhaps you will add and say, Peter and John are called ignorant and unlearned in the Scriptures. This we have no disposition to deny; but be it recollected that they were called thus by their enemies. It is evident that they were not ignorant and unlearned in the common acceptation of those terms, from the fact that their mother tongue was Hebrew, and they wrote their part of the sacred volume in Greek. We should not take it kindly to be called ignorant and unlearned, if we were capable of writing correctly in a language which was not our mother tongue; yet, when compared with men of the first literary standing, we might with propriety be called such, and yet be far from being really ignorant and unlearned; and this, no doubt, was the case with Peter and John. They were ignorant and unlearned when compared with Gamaliel, &c.

It is sometimes said, if God calls, he will qualify. So he will, but not without the necessary means. If learning was unnecessary, and a man gets fresh from God, without any preparation on his own part, what he says, it follows that a man would preach as well the first time as ever after, and as such no allowance should be made for young preachers. The most of our brethren in the ministry who have not an education, deplore the want of it; yet there are a few who say that they preach just what God gives them, and after they have finished, they will pray to God to bless truth and *pardon error.* Now if they speak only what God gives them, why do they pray for the *pardon of error?* If their theory be correct, God is to blame for all the error they commit; and to pray to him to pardon it, is the same thing as to charge him with having made them preach false doctrine. We confess that, without the help of the Lord, we preach to no purpose; yet it is our duty to prepare, and depend on him for assistance. It is as absurd to say, if God calls, he will qualify without any means on their part, as for a farmer to say, I have planted my corn; it is up; I shall do no more to it; for if God intends a crop for me, he will most assuredly make it. You would suspect

MINUTES

OF

THE EIGHTH SESSION

OF THE

BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT

The Country Line Church, Yanceyville, Caswell County, N. C.

on the 31st of July, and 1st & 2d days of August,

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MINUTES

OF THE

BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

August, 1841.

Saturday, July 31.

1. The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder Geo. W. Purify, from 1 Tim. ii. 8. "I will, therefore, that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting."

2. The letters from the churches were read, and their standing noted as follows:

CHURCHES.	Messengers' Names.	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter.	Dismissed.	Restored.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Number.	Contributions.
Beulah,	N. J. Palmer and W. H. Morgan,							9	1 00
Clement,	Thos. K. Glenn, J. Ellison and S. Pleasant,		2	1			1	48	2 00
Country Line,	William Graves, T. W. Graves and M. Dodson,						1	45	4 00
Cane Creek,	Thos. D. Oldham, S. S. Lloyd and J. Moore,	18	2	2		2	1	157	3 00
Mill Creek,	W. Gentry, G. Bailey and W. Ramsey,	1	2	2			1	64	4 00

Ephesus,	J. Moore and J. Terrell.		3	2	1	1	2	60	2 00
Mars Hill,	J. Redding, A. Durham and William Ward.	15	1	1		1	1	54	2 00
Leaksville,	J. Robertson, J. M. Lindsey and M. Stamps.	9	3	1			1	25	3 00
Trinity,	A. Howard, Wm. Dupree and C. Graves.			1			1	27	4 00
		43	13	10	1	4	9	489	25 00

3. Elder Stephen Pleasant was appointed Moderator, and brother N. J. Palmer Assistant Clerk.

4. Invited corresponding messengers to sit with us. Brother Wiley James from Dan River, brother Isaac Durham from Sandy Creek, and Elder Robert M'Nabb from the Flat River Associations, took seats with us.

5. Ministering brethren were invited to sit with us. Elder John Kerr accepted the invitation.

6. Brethren William Graves, T. W. Graves, and M. Dodson, were appointed a committee to supply the stage with ministers during this meeting.

7. Brethren Calvin Graves, T. W. Graves, and N. J. Palmer, were appointed a committee of finance.

8. Elders Kerr, Robertson and M'Nabb, with the Moderator and Clerk, were appointed a committee of arrangement, to report on Monday.

9. The Circular Letter was referred to the committee of arrangement for inspection.

10. Adjourned. Prayer by Elder Kerr.

Lord's Day, August 1.

Elder R. M'Nabb preached from Heb. x. 12, 13. "But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins, forever sat down on the right hand of God, from henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his foot-stool."

Elder John Kerr preached from Rom. i. 16. "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

Elder Spivey preached from Esther iv. 16. "If I perish, I perish." We hope and pray that a divine blessing may ensue.

Monday, August 2.

The Association met at nine o'clock. Prayer by the Moderator.

1. The committee of arrangement reported, and was discharged.

2. The brethren who had been appointed our messengers to sister Associations, reported satisfactorily.

3. Brother Spivey seated himself with us as a ministering brother.

4. Appointed messengers to the following Associations: To Sandy Creek, Thomas D. Oldham, John Moore, and John Redding; to Concord, Elder Thomas King, N. J. Palmer, and Gabriel Bailey; to Raleigh, Calvin Graves, George W. Purify, A. Durham, and N. J. Palmer; to Liberty, Milton Stampz, J. M. Lindsey, and John Robertson; to Flat River, Stephen Pleasant, George W. Purify, A. Durham, and John Redding; to Dan River, S. Pleasant, J. Robertson, Calvin Graves, and Thomas W. Graves.

5. Appointed George W. Purify, and N. J. Palmer, our delegates to the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

6. Elders S. Pleasant, J. Robertson and George W. Purify were constituted a Presbytery, to be accompanied by brethren Calvin Graves and Thomas W. Graves, to attend at Madison on Saturday before the first Sabbath in November next, to inquire into the expediency of constituting a Baptist Church at that place. If they deem it expedient, they are advised to constitute a church of our faith and order.

7. At the request of the church at Beulah, Elders A. Pleasant, George W. Purify and J. Robertson were appointed to attend at that place on Saturday before the third Sabbath in September next, and inquire into the expediency of dissolving the constitution of said church; and if deemed necessary, to dissolve it, and report to the next Association.

8. Elder George W. Purify was appointed to write our next Circular Letter.

9. At the suggestion of the church at Leaksville, Saturday before the third Sabbath in September was set apart by the Association, as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer to Al-

mighty God, for a revival of religion within the bounds of our Association, and throughout the world.

10. Appointed the next Association to be held at Leaksville, Rockingham county, N. C. to commence on Saturday before the first Sabbath in August, 1842.

11. Elder Stephen Pleasant is appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon. Divine service to commence at 11 o'clock.

12. The Clerk was appointed to superintend the printing and distribution of these minutes, and to receive ten dollars for his services the last year.

13. The Circular Letter, written by brother N. J. Palmer, was read and adopted, and directed to be printed with these minutes.

14. The Clerk was ordered to pay brother Calvin Graves three dollars, which he had expended in purchasing a blank book for this Association.

15. The committee of finance reported as follows:

Received for the Association,	$25	75
Balance on hand, after paying for printing minutes, and Clerk's fee, for 1839,	5	75
	30	75
Received for the Baptist State Convention,		
Public collection on Sabbath,	21	43¾
From Ephesus church, for Home Missions,	3	50
For Foreign Missions,	1	85
For American and Foreign Bible Society,		87½
	$58	41¼

16. On motion of brother Calvin Graves, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Association, the churches composing the same ought to adopt the most efficient means to raise a missionary fund, for sustaining a plan of missions within the bounds of this Assoctation.

Resolved, That the ministers of this Association be requested, each to perform the circuit of all the churches at least three times in the course of the ensuing year.

Resolved, That the members of this Association will pledge themselves to use their endeavors with their respective churches, and other persons, to procure funds to be sent up to the next session of this Association, for the purpose declared in the foregoing resolutions.

17. On motion it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be, and they are hereby tendered, to the Country Line church, and citizens of Yancyville, for their kindness and hospitality to the members bers of this Association during its session with them.

18. Adjourned. Prayer by the Moderator.

STEPHEN PLEASANT, *Moderator*.

Geo: W. Purify, *Clerk*.

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Note.—The Clerk requests the churches to state in their letters to the Association *the amount of their contributions*, as he is subjected to inconvenience when it is not done.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

The Elders and Brethren that compose the Beulah Association, to the Churches which they represent, send Christian salutation.

Dear Brethren:

Another year has rolled around, and your Representatives or Messengers have again enjoyed the delightful privilege of meeting together as an Association, for the purpose of recommending such measures as may be deemed expedient to promote the spiritual welfare of that branch of the Church of Christ to which we belong, and to promote and advance the kingdom of our dear Redeemer. One of the last acts of the Association has been to adopt the following Circular Letter, written by one of our brethren, on the "important duties devolving upon those who are lay members of the Church," which we would affectionately recommend to your serious and prayerful consideration.

"And God is able to make all grace abound towards you; that ye, always having all-sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work." 2 Cor. ix. 8.

The beloved Apostle Paul, in the few lines contained in the above verse, which is addressed to the lay members of the church, hath brought two important matters to our consideration. First, That God is able, and therefore willing, or in other words, it is his pleasure, to give us grace, to endue us with a proper spirit, whereby we may abound unto every good work. Secondly, That having received this important gift, it is our bounden duty in all things to endeavour to build up the church of Christ, and to have added to it such as shall be eternally saved. We awfully fear that the spirit which actuated the members of the church, or christians, in ancient times, is lost sight of in the present day and generation. We seem to forget the duties and responsibilities devolving upon us as lay members of the church. Our ministers are generally faithful and zealous men, abounding in every good work; and with but a scanty pittance contributed for their support, labor for and among us both day and night. How do we reciprocate their zeal and labor of love in our behalf and for the cause of Christ? Do we contribute a sufficiency for the temporal support of themselves and dependant families, thereby relieving them from the anxieties and cares attendant on those who have to provide for their "own household?" And what is of much more importance, are we co-workers with them in endeavoring to persuade sinners to become reconciled to Christ? Do we pray with and for them, and while they are dispensing the holy word of God, do our fervent prayers, our ardent aspirations, arise to the throne of the Heavenly Grace, that the word preached may have the desired effect, and with the blessing of God become mighty and powerful in pulling down the strong holds of the enemy of souls, and building up Christ's kingdom in its stead.

Every christian, whatever may be his calling or occupation in life, however humble his station, can exert more or less influence on those around him, or with whom he is brought in daily converse. In a striking manner is this fact often exemplified in pious females. The influence of their precepts and examples on their husbands, their children, and their servants, is often of the most salutary kind. While men are engaged in the busy transactions of the world, they have means and opportunities, by kind persuasion and entreaty, by their prayers and intercessions at a Throne of Grace, of turning many around them from the error of their ways, and inducing them to embrace Christ upon the terms offered in his gospel. There are many husbands, some of them pious and devoted ministers of Christ, who own that the companion of their bosom has, through the mercy and grace of God, been instrumental in their conversion. The instances are almost without number, where children have been converted unto the Lord through the instrumentality of their pious mothers. While on the other hand, there are not a few cases where they have attributed their downfall, their abandonment to vice and wickedness, and finally an ignominious death on the gallows, to the want of proper examples and instruction on the part of their fathers and mothers.

The remark is sometimes made that pious men and ministers, generally raise bad or wicked children. This is not strictly true, although in many instances such is the fact. Let us therefore inquire from what cause does this arise. There are two ways of giving reproof: one in a harsh, abrupt, and spiteful manner; the other in language kind, and manner affectionate. Such is the constitution of our nature, that it is the latter only which will have the desired effect; which will convince them that we do it solely out of a regard for their welfare, and not to gratify any improper feelings of our own. Its effects, therefore, will often be productive of lasting good.

It is a fact of such general observation that it cannot be controverted, that all revivals of religion begin with the christians, or members of the church. Let them be imbued with the proper spirit; let a holy zeal for the cause of Christ animate them; let them not neglect "assembling themselves together" where prayer is wont to be made, and unite with feelings and sensibilities attuned to the best dispositions of the human heart, for the purpose of prayer and praise to the "holy hill from whence all our help must come." Let this be done perseveringly, and we shall not fail to see its happy effects, and others will experience its lasting benefits. This flame of holy zeal, of heavenly charity, will spread, and sinners by scores will come flocking to King Emanuel.

We are at most but pilgrims and sojourners here below; in the language of the pious poet,

> "Soon we must resign our breath,
> And our souls be called to pass
> Through the inner gates of death."

We should therefore be up and a doing. Work while it is today, for the night cometh when no man can work. If our religion be true, of which we presume none of you will doubt, it is every thing to sinners; it is a case of life and death—death temporal, and death eternal. We therefore see sinners pursuing the downward road to destruction, without making one single effort for their salvation. If we thus act, we bring reproach on the cause of Christ, and say to the world that we do not believe in the truth of that religion which we profess. What a pleasing and delightful reflection will it be in that dying hour to which we must ere long approach, that we have been instrumental, the Lord being our helper, in turning one or more sinners from the error of their ways. It will afford solid comfort when all earthly considerations and interests shall have vanished from our sight. It will make our dying bed

> "Feel soft as downy pillows are."

Let each member of the church, therefore, for the future, take to heart his holy calling—feel and act as though there was a work for him to do; and we doubt not that before another year shall have elapsed, the happy effects of such a course will be visible throughout all our borders. And in the next returns from our churches, they will exhibit a large increase of members, who will be "burning and shining lights in the Lord," and finally members of the church triumphant in glory.

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4. Resolved, That three persons be elected by the Association trustees, to co-operate with brother Pleasant, executor of the late Stephen Justice, in making such arrangements in relation to endowing the missionary station, and securing the legacy aforesaid, as may be deemed expedient to be adopted between this and the next annual meeting of this Association, and that said trustees report their proceedings herein to our next annual session.

9. The following brethren were appointed Trustees for the purpose specified in the fourth resolution: Calvin Graves, Thos. W. Graves, and Alexis Howard.

10. Appointed the next meeting of this body to be held with the church at Trinity, Caswell county, N. C.

11. Elder Geo. W. Purify is appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon. Divine service to commence at 11 o'clock.

12. The Clerk was appointed to superintend the printing of these minutes, and receive the usual allowance for his services for the last year.

13. Elder John Robertson, who had itinerated within the bounds of this Association, as requested by the Association last year, reported that he had traveled fifty-three days. The Association ordered that he be paid one dollar a day for his services.

14. The brethren who were appointed Trustees, as above named, were directed to secure the services of some suitable minister to itinerate within the bounds of this Association for three months previous to the next session of this body.

15. On motion it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be, and they are hereby tendered to the inhabitants of Leaksville and vicinity, for their kindness and hospitality to the members of this Association during its session with them.

16. Adjourned. Prayer by the Moderator.

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CIRCULAR LETTER.

The Elders and Brethren that compose the Beulah Baptist Association, to the Churches which they represent, send Christian salutation.

Dear Brethren:

The subject which we at present submit to your consideration, is "The proper method for a church to pursue, in calling a Minister to attend them as Pastor."

Great caution should be observed in selecting a Pastor. The prosperity of a church depends greatly upon the propriety of the choice made. Many churches have made shipwreck by injudicious selections. For this reason, some churches have been rent asunder, and the jealousy and feud thereby engendered, have nearly, or quite, caused them to become extinct.

The circumstances which render it necessary to choose a Pastor, are the following: When a church is newly constituted; when the time of service of a Pastor has expired; when the Pastor resigns; and when it is deemed advisable to dismiss a Pastor. We do not conceive that a church is under obligation to continue a Pastor longer than they believe he will be useful among them. A minister would not think that injustice is done him, or an insult offered, when his time of service has expired and another minister is selected in his place. Indeed it is the duty and interest of a church, to make a change when circumstances require it. If this right was denied the church, she might be for years confined to a minister whose church policy they might not approve, and from whose service they would realize no benefit. A Pastor should not be dismissed, or another elected in his place, when his time of service expires, without the best of reasons. Of these the church will have to be her own judge.

When a church is about calling a Minister,

1. She should select one who will be most likely to be useful among them. This will require a man of deep toned piety, intelligence, pleasantness of manners, extensive biblical knowledge, prudence, and soundness in the faith. No church need think of prospering who does not have an eye to these things, in the choice of a minister. "A bishop must be blameless."

2. The church should be sure to select a Minister who will be acceptable to the congregation. Unless he is a minister of "good report of them that are without," and is, to a reasonable extent, of commanding influence in the neighbourhood, he will be of but little use to them. This is absolutely necessary in order to keep up a congregation. Upon this, in a great measure, his usefulness depends. A Pastor is not only to "feed the flock," but to convict and convert sinners by the ministry of the word. Some are of opinion that it is immaterial to a Minister's success whether non-professors like the Minister or not. In reply to this, it is only necessary to state, that "faith comes by hearing," and that they will seldom hear a man they do not like. By this we do not mean that he must be a great preacher, but one the people like.

3. The church should also be sure that the Minister they have in view is a good disciplinarian. It matters not how popular a man be as a preacher, he will never succeed as a Pastor unless he understands and practices good discipline. Some are very useful as Evangelists and Revivalists, who would not make suitable Pastors. Churches should look well to this matter before they secure the services of a Minister with whom they are not well acquainted. Many would answer well for recruiting officers, who would not answer for commanding officers. It is in this particular above all others, that a church should guard against "a novice."

4. Churches should guard against calling a Minister upon slight acquaintance. Sometimes a strange Minister visits a congregation, preaches with zeal and effect, perhaps he succeeds in getting up a revival. The church becomes enamoured with the new Preacher, and concludes that he is the very man for them. If they are destitute of a Pastor they give him a call immediately. Or if they have a Pastor, he is frequently dismissed as soon as practicable, and the new Preacher installed in his place. Perhaps, in three fourths of such

cases, in less than a year they would gladly exchange the new Preacher for the one they turned off. Such Ministers are seldom useful, if confined for a length of time to the same congregation. The great Head of the church has given her diversities of gifts by the same Spirit. "He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, *evangelists;* and some, *pastors* and teachers." Eph. iv. 11.

5. Churches should endeavour to be united in the election of a Pastor. They should guard as much as possible against having more than one Minister in nomination. Sometimes, when the church has assembled to choose a Minister, a brother will nominate the Minister of his choice, another brother arises and nominates his choice, and so on until two or more are before the church at a time. Each brother feels bound to support his own nomination, and get as many of the other members as he can influence to vote with him. Instances have occurred when the same members have imprudently asserted, that if they did not get the man of their choice they would secede from the church, or withhold any contribution towards his support, &c. This is not the spirit of Christ, neither is it the spirit of republicanism, by which the Baptist church is governed. In this, as in every other matter, (except in the receiving and excluding of members,) the minority should quietly submit to the majority. The members should converse privately with each other upon the subject, and learn in this way what Minister a majority are in favor of. This being understood, no other should be nominated without the best of reasons. If there is a capital objection against the Minister who is thus favorably spoken of, and it is named to those who are in his favor privately, they will be more likely to yield than if it is not named until he has been nominated. A little prudence on the part of the leading members of the church, will generally prevent any difficulty in the election of a Pastor.

6. The church should stipulate the amount of compensation which they are willing to allow their Minister for his services, at the time they select a Pastor. The committee which is appointed to wait upon the newly elected Pastor to know whether or not he will accept the call, should at the same time inform him of the amount of the salary which the church proposes to give him if he will serve them. Nothing is more reasonable than this. Ministers should know how to make

their calculations, as well as other men; it takes as much to feed and clothe them and their families, as it does for other families. It must be evident to all, that they cannot know how to make their calculations, unless they know the amount of salary which they will receive from the church. No private member will agree to labour a year for a Minister without knowing what compensation he is to receive at the end of the year. Suppose a Minister wishes to hire a member of his church for a year, and was to say, "Brother, I want to hire you to labour for me this year; I cannot promise you any certain sum, but will pay you something." Would he succeed in engaging his services? He would not. Suppose he was to go to a farmer for corn, or a merchant for clothing, with the same kind of promise, would he succeed in getting what he wanted? He would not. Why then require that of Ministers, which private members would not do themselves? The golden rule absolutely forbids it; "Do unto others, as ye would have them do unto you." If you were a minister, would you not like to know what you would receive for serving a church, leaving your family, neglecting your business, &c.? Give this question an honest answer, and you will find that you cannot clear your conscience, and conceal the same from your Minister. Justice requires that Ministers should be placed on equal footing with other men. All laborers and professional men know the amount of compensation for their services; so should Ministers. Our Saviour said of ministerial service, "The laborer is worthy of his hire;" evidently making the cases analagous. It is also said, "Even so hath the Lord ordained, that they who preach the gospel should live of the gospel." 1 Cor. ix. 14. Can it then be just and right, that they should not know, during the year, whether they will live or starve by the gospel? Surely not. No one will pretend to say, in view of the last passage cited, that it is right to receive ministerial service for nothing. This being admitted, why not let them know what they are to receive at the end of the year? Brotherly love forbids that they should be left in such unnecessary suspense as they often are. If a church loves a Minister, surely she will feel bound thereby to make his mind free and easy upon this subject.

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1. Resolved, That this Association doth approve of the proposition submitted by brother Stephen Pleasant, to endow a Missionary Station in the bounds of the Beulah Association.

2. Resolved, That this Association will use their endeavors, and exert their influence, to raise the sum of one thousand dollars, or more, to be added to the legacy of our late brother Stephen Justice, should the same be paid over as now contemplated, and to constitute a permanent Missionary Fund, the annual profits of which shall be applied in payment of a missionary for this Association.

3 Resolved, That the churches composing this Association, be requested to take under their consideration the subject of endowing a Missionary Station within the limits of our associational district, and to adopt such measures as will be likely to ensure success in this laudable and christian enterprise.

4. Resolved, That three persons be elected by the Association trustees, to co-operate with brother Pleasant, executor of the late Stephen Justice, in making such arrangements in relation to endowing the missionary station, and securing the legacy aforesaid, as may be deemed expedient to be adopted between this and the next annual meeting of this Association, and that said trustees report their proceedings herein to our next annual session.

9. The following brethren were appointed Trustees for the purpose specified in the fourth resolution: Calvin Graves, Thos. W. Graves, and Alexis Howard.

10. Appointed the next meeting of this body to be held with the church at Trinity, Caswell county, N. C.

11. Elder Geo. W. Purify is appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon. Divine service to commence at 11 o'clock.

12. The Clerk was appointed to superintend the printing of these minutes, and receive the usual allowance for his services for the last year.

13. Elder John Robertson, who had itinerated within the bounds of this Association, as requested by the Association last year, reported that he had traveled fifty-three days. The Association ordered that he be paid one dollar a day for his services.

14. The brethren who were appointed Trustees, as above named, were directed to secure the services of some suitable minister to itinerate within the bounds of this Association for three months previous to the next session of this body.

15. On motion it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be, and they are hereby tendered to the inhabitants of Leaksville and vicinity, for their kindness and hospitality to the members of this Association during its session with them.

16. Adjourned. Prayer by the Moderator.

STEPHEN PLEASANT, *Moderator.*

GEO. W. PURIFY, *Clerk.*

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CIRCULAR LETTER.

The Elders and Brethren that compose the Beulah Baptist Association, to the Churches which they represent, send Christian salutation.

DEAR BRETHREN:

The subject which we at present submit to your consideration, is "The proper method for a church to pursue, in calling a Minister to attend them as Pastor."

Great caution should be observed in selecting a Pastor. The prosperity of a church depends greatly upon the propriety of the choice made. Many churches have made shipwreck by injudicious selections. For this reason, some churches have been rent asunder, and the jealousy and feud thereby engendered, have nearly, or quite, caused them to become extinct.

The circumstances which render it necessary to choose a Pastor, are the following: When a church is newly constituted; when the time of service of a Pastor has expired; when the Pastor resigns; and when it is deemed advisable to dismiss a Pastor. We do not conceive that a church is under obligation to continue a Pastor longer than they believe he will be useful among them. A minister would not think that injustice is done him, or an insult offered, when his time of service has expired and another minister is selected in his place. Indeed it is the duty and interest of a church, to make a change when circumstances require it. If this right was denied the church, she might be for years confined to a minister whose church policy they might not approve, and from whose service they would realize no benefit. A Pastor should not be dismissed, or another elected in his place, when his time of service expires, without the best of reasons. Of these the church will have to be her own judge.

When a church is about calling a Minister,

1. She should select one who will be most likely to be useful among them. This will require a man of deep toned piety, intelligence, pleasantness of manners, extensive biblical knowledge, prudence, and soundness in the faith. No church need think of prospering who does not have an eye to these things, in the choice of a minister. "A bishop must be blameless."

2. The church should be sure to select a Minister who will be acceptable to the congregation. Unless he is a minister of "good report of them that are without," and is, to a reasonable extent, of commanding influence in the neighbourhood, he will be of but little use to them. This is absolutely necessary in order to keep up a congregation. Upon this, in a great measure, his usefulness depends. A Pastor is not only to "feed the flock," but to convict and convert sinners by the ministry of the word. Some are of opinion that it is immaterial to a Minister's success whether non-professors like the Minister or not. In reply to this, it is only necessary to state, that "faith comes by hearing," and that they will seldom hear a man they do not like. By this we do not mean that he must be a great preacher, but one the people like.

3. The church should also be sure that the Minister they have in view is a good disciplinarian. It matters not how popular a man be as a preacher, he will never succeed as a Pastor unless he understands and practices good discipline. Some are very useful as Evangelists and Revivalists, who would not make suitable Pastors. Churches should look well to this matter before they secure the services of a Minister with whom they are not well acquainted. Many would answer well for recruiting officers, who would not answer for commanding officers. It is in this particular above all others, that a church should guard against "a novice."

4. Churches should guard against calling a Minister upon slight acquaintance. Sometimes a strange Minister visits a congregation, preaches with zeal and effect, perhaps he succeeds in getting up a revival. The church becomes enamoured with the new Preacher, and concludes that he is the very man for them. If they are destitute of a Pastor they give him a call immediately. Or if they have a Pastor, he is frequently dismissed as soon as practicable, and the new Preacher installed in his place. Perhaps, in three fourths of such

cases, in less than a year they would gladly exchange the new Preacher for the one they turned off. Such Ministers are seldom useful, if confined for a length of time to the same congregation. The great Head of the church has given her diversities of gifts by the same Spirit. "He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, *evangelists;* and some, *pastors* and teachers." Eph. iv. 11.

5. Churches should endeavour to be united in the election of a Pastor. They should guard as much as possible against having more than one Minister in nomination. Sometimes, when the church has assembled to choose a Minister, a brother will nominate the Minister of his choice, another brother arises and nominates his choice, and so on until two or more are before the church at a time. Each brother feels bound to support his own nomination, and get as many of the other members as he can influence to vote with him. Instances have occurred when the same members have imprudently asserted, that if they did not get the man of their choice they would secede from the church, or withhold any contribution towards his support, &c. This is not the spirit of Christ, neither is it the spirit of republicanism, by which the Baptist church is governed. In this, as in every other matter, (except in the receiving and excluding of members,) the minority should quietly submit to the majority. The members should converse privately with each other upon the subject, and learn in this way what Minister a majority are in favor of. This being understood, no other should be nominated without the best of reasons. If there is a capital objection against the Minister who is thus favorably spoken of, and it is named to those who are in his favor privately, they will be more likely to yield than if it is not named until he has been nominated. A little prudence on the part of the leading members of the church, will generally prevent any difficulty in the election of a Pastor.

6. The church should stipulate the amount of compensation which they are willing to allow their Minister for his services, at the time they select a Pastor. The committee which is appointed to wait upon the newly elected Pastor to know whether or not he will accept the call, should at the same time inform him of the amount of the salary which the church proposes to give him if he will serve them. Nothing is more reasonable than this. Ministers should know how to make

their calculations, as well as other men; it takes as much to feed and clothe them and their families, as it does for other families. It must be evident to all, that they cannot know how to make their calculations, unless they know the amount of salary which they will receive from the church. No private member will agree to labour a year for a Minister without knowing what compensation he is to receive at the end of the year. Suppose a Minister wishes to hire a member of his church for a year, and was to say, " Brother, I want to hire you to labour for me this year; I cannot promise you any certain sum, but will pay you something." Would he succeed in engaging his services? He would not. Suppose he was to go to a farmer for corn, or a merchant for clothing, with the same kind of promise, would he succeed in getting what he wanted? He would not. Why then require that of Ministers, which private members would not do themselves? The golden rule absolutely forbids it; " Do unto others, as ye would have them do unto you." If you were a minister, would you not like to know what you would receive for serving a church, leaving your family, neglecting your business, &c.? Give this question an honest answer, and you will find that you cannot clear your conscience, and conceal the same from your Minister. Justice requires that Ministers should be placed on equal footing with other men. All laborers and professional men know the amount of compensation for their services; so should Ministers. Our Saviour said of ministerial service, " The laborer is worthy of his hire;" evidently making the cases analagous. It is also said, " Even so hath the Lord ordained, that they who preach the gospel should live of the gospel." 1 Cor. ix. 14. Can it then be just and right, that they should not know, during the year, whether they will live or starve by the gospel? Surely not. No one will pretend to say, in view of the last passage cited, that it is right to receive ministerial service for nothing. This being admitted, why not let them know what they are to receive at the end of the year? Brotherly love forbids that they should be left in such unnecessary suspense as they often are. If a church loves a Minister, surely she will feel bound thereby to make his mind free and easy upon this subject.

7. Churches should pay their Ministers promptly. When a Minister engages to serve a church, he expects (unless he has learned better from sad experience,) that they will pay

him what they have promised or intimated as soon as the year is out. Upon this supposition he has made his necessary contracts, to become due at the same time. If he is disappointed by the church, he is thereby compelled to disappoint those who have credited him. Brethren, is it right that he should suffer this mortification from your neglect? Is this doing as you would wish to be done by? Surely not. It must certainly be for the want of a little reflection upon the subject, that some churches have treated their Pastors with so much injustice in relation to this matter.

8. The church should pay their Pastor the full amount of his salary. Some churches will call a Minister, receive his services, and at the end of the year they will pay him one third, one half, or perhaps three fourths of his salary; call him for another year, and pay him as they did the year before. They seem to forget the amount that was left unpaid the year before. But it is not forgotten by the Great Head of the church, nor by the Minister. If Malachi were on earth, he would tell such churches that they robbed both God and man. Mal. iii. 8. What would these churches think of such conduct in the individual members, in their private contracts? Such members would be called to an account for their conduct; yet her own conduct, which is equally censurable, is passed over in silence!

Good feeling and brotherly love between the Church and Pastor, requires *promptness*, and to the *full*. A conscientious Minister cannot preach to such a Church with that degree of affection and good feeling which ought to exist between him and the people of his charge. This must be obvious to all reflecting minds, without farther remark.

Dear brethren, we have briefly noticed what we conceive to be the proper course to be pursued by a Church in calling a Pastor. Compare what we have written, with reason, justice, and the Word of God, and act in view of the last day. May the Lord of mercies lead, guide and direct us in all things, after the council of his own will. May the God of peace and love be with you all. Amen.

Signed in behalf of the Association.

S. PLEASANT, *Moderator.*

GEO. W. PURIFY, *Clerk.*

MINUTES

OF

THE TENTH SESSION

OF THE

BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION;

HELD AT

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Saturday, Aug. 5th.

1. The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder Geo. W. Purify, from ii. Cor. xx. chap. 4th and 5th verses, "For "the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty," &c.

3. After prayer by Elder E. Dodson, the Letters from the Churches were read, and their standing noted as follows:

CHURCHES.	Names of Delegates.	Rec'd by Baptism.	Rec'd by Letter.	Dismissed.	Restored.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	Association Fund.	Domestic Missions
Beulah	N. J. Palmer, W. H. Morgan,		1					9	1 00	
Clement,	El. S. Pleasant, S. Wilkerson, J. M. Norfleet,	1	1			2	1	47	3 00	2 50
Countryline Yanceyville	John Kerr, T. J. Valentine, Th. W. Graves,	31	5	2	1			92	4 00	34 00
Cane Creek	Jno. Moore, T. D. Oldham, S. S. Lloyd,	3	1	1			3	157	3 00	2 00
Mill Creek,	T. H. Nelson, Jno. F. Neal, Simon Gentry,	2	1	4			1	55	3 00	
Ephesus,	A. Timberlake, J. Moore, Ob. Faulkner.	24	12		1	3		110	2 00	3 00

Mars' Hill	J. Redding, T. S. Faucett, *Chas. Howard,	9		1				73	2 00	3 00
Leaksville	El. J Robertson David Smith, Josiah Martin,	10	1					60	1 56	3 00
Trinity,	Z. Neal, A. Howard, C. Graves,	20	9				1	53	5 00	21:82
Madison,	J. M. Lindsay, J. B Churchhill M. Stamps,			1		1		25	1 32	
Those marked thus * absent.		181	31	9	2	6	6	681	25:88	69 32

3. Elder Stephen Pleasant was elected Moderator, N. J. Palmer appointed Assistant Clerk.

4. Corresponding Messengers, from sister Associations, were invited to seat themselves with us. Elders Elias Dodson and J. J. James, and brother J. McCargo, were present from Dan River Association. Elder Enoch Crutchfield from Sandy Creek. A package of Minutes was received from the Raleigh Association. From Flat River, brother Harris.

5. Elder J. A. Fonville, of South Carolina, being invited, took a seat with us as a visiting brother.

6. Passed the following Resolution :

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Association, only such members as have been Baptised should be reported from the Churches in their statistical account to this body. Those who are candidates for Baptism to be reported separately.

7. Brethren N. J. Palmer, J. Kerr, and C. Graves were appointed on the Committee of Finance.

8. Brethren T. W. Graves, Z. Neal and C. Graves with the Moderator and Clerk were appointed on the Committee of Arrangements.

9. Appointed brethren A. Howard and Calvin Graves to supply the stand with preachers during the meeting.

10. The Circular Letter was referred to Elder J. J. James and brethren Jno. Kerr, and C. Graves.

11. Appointed a Committee on Sabbath Schools, to report on Monday, consisting of J. J. James, N. J. Palmer, J. Robertson, Elias Dodson, and J. Kerr.

12. The Association agreed to hold a prayer meeting on Sunday morning, to commence one hour before the hour appointed for preaching, and on Monday morning, to commence one half hour before the time appointed to begin the business of the Association.

Adjourned to meet on Monday at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder J. A. Fonville.

Sabbath, Aug. 6.

On the Sabbath an unusually large congregation attended, and the word of life was dispensed unto them by Elders G. W. Purify, Elias Dodson, and T. A. Fonville. May the Great head of the Church bless the labours of this day, abundantly.

Monday, August 7.

The Association met at 9 o'clock. Prayer by the Moderator.

1. The Committee of Arrangements reported and were discharged.

2. The Constitution and Rules of Decorum were read.

Elder Thomas King, upon invitation, took a seat with us as a ministering brother.

3. Altered the 14th Article of our Constitution, to read in future as follows: " A Standing Presbytery of Ministers " shall be annually appointed by the Association, any three " of whom shall have power and authority when requested, " and it is deemed expedient, to ordain Ministers and con" stitute Churches within the bounds of this Association."

4. The following Ministers constitute the standing Presbytery for the ensuing year . S. Pleasant, T. King, J. Robertson, J. J. James and Geo. W. Purify.

5. Brethren A. Graves, Jno. Kerr, C. Graves, Thos. W. Graves, and Elder S. Pleasant were constituted a committee to revise the Constitution and Rules of Decorum, to be submitted to our next Association.

6. The brethren who had been appointed our Messengers to sister Associations, reported.

7. Appointed Messengers to the following Associations—To Sandy Creek—N. J. Palmer, Geo. W. Purify, T. D. Oldham, J. Moore, and S. Pleasant. To Concord—Elder T. King, and T. J. Valentine. To Raleigh, W. H. Morgan, El J. J. James, and Az. Graves, jr. To Liberty—J. Robertson, and J. Churchhill. To Flat River—Elder S. Pleasant, A. Durham, N. J. Palmer, and Elders Thos. King and J. J.

James. To Dan River, J. Kerr, Algernon S. Yancey, T. J. Valentine, and Elder J. J. James.

8. As the brother who had been appointed to prepare a Circular Letter failed to write one ; the committee to whom this matter had been referred, advised the adoption of an Essay which was prepared and read by our late brother Josiah B. Furman, to the Cheraw Union, which was agreed to by the Association.

9. Brother John Kerr was appointed to write our next Circular Letter.

10. The proposition of Elder S. Pleasant, to this body, at its last session, in relation to money devised by our late brother, Stephen Justice, for Missionary purposes, was, for reasons stated, withdrawn.

11. Granted the request of Trinity Church, in relation to constituting an arm of that Church at Sycamore Grove, into a separate Church.

12. The following is the Report of our Missionary, Elder J. Robertson : That he has travelled sixty-five days; preached sixty times; organized three Sabbath Schools, and baptised eleven persons.

The Association ordered that he be paid the sum of sixty-five dollars for his services.

13. Brethren A. Howard, Th. W. Graves, and C. Graves, were appointed to secure the services of a Missionary for the ensuing year.

14. On motion of brother John Kerr,

Resolved, That it is earnestly recommended by this body to the Ministering Brethren, belonging to this Association, to make the duty of Family Prayer prominent in their preaching to the Churches, and that they omit not to urge a performance of this duty, as well in their private intercourse as in their public ministrations.

15. On motion, it was

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Association, it is of the utmost importance that a Religious publication, to support and sustain the interest of the Baptist Denomination in this State, should be properly encouraged.

Resolved, further, That the Missionary appointed by this Association, and its Ministers, be requested to call the attention of the members and friends of our denomination to the

Biblical Recorder, published in Raleigh, by Elder T. Meredith, and to obtain subscribers for the same.

16. Report of the Committee of Finance:

Balance in hand, after paying for Printing Minutes for 1842, and Clerk's fee for 1841,	$11 75	
Received this year,	25 88	
Now in hand,	$37 63—	$37 63
For Domestic Missions, balance on hand,		14 87½
Received this year,		69 32
Total,		$121 82½
Paid Elder J. Robertson for missionary services,		65 00
Remainder,		$56 82½

17. The Committee on Sabbath Schools submitted the following

REPORT:

There is no period of human life so favorable to the reception of lasting impressions, upon the MIND, as that of childhood. Comparatively pure, and undistracted by the cares and vexations incident to mature years, the minds of children may be mouldered to any form which it may be desirable to give them. The holy scriptures teach us to "train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart therefrom"—and, conformably to this precept, christians should feel themselves called upon to act. In our own families we should teach our children, on the Sabbath day, those things which pertain to the service of God—and if every head of a family could and would do this, the necessity for Sabbath Schools, would be superceded; but situated as we are, in this life, this, in many instances, is almost if not entirely impracticacle, even among those who profess to be the followers of Christ—and it is not to be expected from such as have not themselves felt the importance of giving their chief attention to the eternal interests of their souls.

In bringing up the rising generation, in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, Sabbath Schools seem to be an indispensable, as they have doubtless been a greatly successful instrumentality. That denomination of christians which neglects them, neglects a most potent agency for the diffusion of the principles they may cherish.

The Roman Catholics are aware of the importance of beginning with those whom they wish to subject to their influence, in childhood, and accordingly we find that the members of that communion are extremely tenacious of having the instruction of their children in their own hands—christians of every name, almost, unite in commending Sabbath Schools—and those who, in spite of the experience of their useful results, still condemn them, surely, have not duly reflected upon the subject, nor taken the pains to advert to their happy fruits.

We rejoice to believe that, in many parts of the world, our beloved denomination is suitably alive to the importance of Sunday Schools, and that it is doing much to promote their increase and usefulness, and, in return, is blessed with many accessions to its numbers—the fruit, under the blessing of God, of this cherished means of grace.

We commend, then, to the Churches composing this association, the subject of Sabbath Schools;—and we earnestly urge upon them the importance of establishing one in every neighborhood within the scope of their influence.

We regret that our information does not enable us to lay before the Association, at this time, such intelligence upon the subject as would be both cheering to our own hearts and creditable to us as a christian people. We trust, however, that, for the future, the Ministers and Messengers composing this body, will supply us with snch information in regard to the feeling and action of our churches upon the subject, as will demonstrate to the world, when considered in connection with our other efforts, that we are in truth, a peculiar people, zealous of good works. The Church at Cane Creek has a School. The Church at Yanceyville has two under its superintendance, in part; and we learn that there is also a flourishing School under the control of a portion of our brethren who are connected with the Church at Ephesus. There is also a flourishing School now being conducted under the auspices of our brethren who compose the church near Leaksville; and we learn with great pleasure, that our brethren at Mill Creek have recently established one among themselves, which is numerously attended, and promises to be productive of much good.

These are all the Schools of which we have any information, but we trust, at our next meeting, to learn that every Church, within our bounds, has established one or more of these highly useful institutions.

J. J. JAMES, *Chairman.*

The following resolution was then adopted :

Resolved, That the Churches composing this Association, be requested to send us, at our future meetings, full information in regard to what they may be doing for the promotion of Sabbath Schools.

18. Appointed the next meeting of this body to be held with the Church at Madison, N. C., to commence on Saturday before the third Lord's day in August, 1844. Elder J. J. James is appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

19. The Clerk was appointed to superintend the printing of these minutes, and receive the usual allowance for his services for the last year.

20. Adjourned, after a feeling address and prayer by the Moderator.

STEPHEN PLEASANT, *Moderator.*

GEO. W. PURIFY, *Clerk.*

CIRCULAR LETTER.

THE MINISTERS AND DELEGATES

Of the Beulah Baptist Association to the Churches which they represent, send Christian Salvation:

The moral power of the Pulpit.

The common sentiment of mankind concurs with the declarations of Holy Writ, that between the Creator and the creature there exists a mighty controversy, the consequence of man's rebellion and depravity. It is also universally acknowledged, that man's eternal happiness is suspended upon the settlement of this controversy. But how this is to be accomplished, is, to all others than those who possesses the Oracles of God, a subject of painful and uncertain inquiry.—And, alas! their number is comparatively small; and of these, there are not a few, who have not experienced the saving effects of a belief of the truth. Cimmerian darkness enshrouds the larger portion of the world. On this darkness the Bible, the sun of the moral firmament, as it moves on in its pathway of light and glory, is beginning to beam. Ever and anon the light of the everlasting Gospel pierces the dark profound: and the time will come, when the clouds of idolatry and sin will scatter and melt away, under the vehement blaze of divine truth, like the morning mists before the sun, when he flings over a hemisphere a flood of light and genial heat.

Yes, this controversy may be settled; the ruin that attends it may be repaired. The work transcends human power, and the means for its accomplishment depend entirely upon Divine appointment and qualification. God has been pleased to ordain, and to render effectual, the instrumentality he has graciously employed. And, surely, none of the works of nature or art, which have attracted the admiration of mankind by their beauty, or inspired terror by their sublimity, can be compared, in beauty or grandeur, with this—the reconciliation of an apostate world to its maker—the salvation of countless myriads, guilty, undone, and perishing. Compared with this, the brightest achievments of science and art sink to nothing—the glory of military renown suffers a total eclipse, and the grandest and sweetest of the phenomena of nature cease or agitate or please. The design of the gospel ministry is not to build up an earthly empire, and dazzle the world by the glory of its victories, while it marshals hostile armies on the field to grapple in deadly strife with their fellow men, drenching the earth with human gore: it is to renovate the world; to dethrone the prince of the power of darkness—to break the fetters of a universal and dreadful slavery, and to demolish "the Bastile of Death." Its benefits, so far from terminating in this world have here only commenced. They reach beyond the grave, and extend throughout the unending ages of eternity. Men are fond of noise and glare; and this taste is ordinarily gratified, when they engage in works of seeming magnitude and importance. But it is an evidence of human imperfection and weakness. It belongs to impotence to struggle, and make a vast parade of preparation and power, while attempting to accomplish its designs. Not so with what possesses intrinsic and sufficient power.—By its native might it effects its objects, without struggle or noise. Thus the grandest of nature's operations elude the observation of our senses. The most sublime of all undertakings is carried on by means the most simple. The preaching of Christ, though to the Greeks foolishness, and to the Jews a stumbling block, is nevertheless, the power of God to the salvation of immortal souls.

In contemplating the moral influence of the pulpit, we must necessarily view it in relation to the truth, which constitutes its theme, and the authority whence it derives its power. By the *Pulpit*, we understand the christian ministry, and that ministry weilding the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, sustained, and made effective by the blessing of God. During a period of four thousand years, Philosophy had tried what she could do for man; but, except so far as she borrowed light from Revelation, she had accomplished little. She left him benighted, cheerless, vile. She could teach him nothing of the moral character of God. She suffered him to bow down in worship to an onion—to adore an ox as his God—to prostrate himself before an immage, the workmanship of his own hands. She allowed him to sanctify lewdless and obscenity to the services of religion, and to regard his Deities as vile and licentious as himself. She could afford him no assurance of immortality—could confirm no hope for the future—could give no lessons under the awful and impressive sanctions of divine authority. She possesed none of that mysterious, divine power which belongs alone to the Gospel, by which the soul of man is renewed sanctified, and made strong in holy purpose and endurance. We do not deny that there were men of integrity and virtue among the heathen nations of antiquity; but we deny that the philosophy of idolatry elicited these qualities. They were addressed by the mysterious inspiration of the Almighty, or the teachings of His Word. The Books of the Old Testament, in part, or in whole, or traditions, were not altogether unknown to these nations; and we have little doubt, that such excellencies of character as they attained to, were owing to the efficacy of divine truth thus obtained. There is unquestionably, a power in the Word of God, which, like leaven in the lump, operates under circumstances the most untoward, and amid influences the most unfavorable to its success. Thus it is enabled to pierce, with a shining ray, much that is erroneous and dark in a benighted mind, and to lodge a sentiment of celestial origin in the earth-born soul. To this is doubtless owing the fact, that the sentiments and manners of persons conversant with the pulpit, but who have never embraced the truth, to the salvation of their souls, are far more pure and refined than are those of persons among whom the ministers of the Gospel have never gone. Literature and science may adorn the exterior of society: may give a certain refinement and polish to its mere conventional customs and forms; but they leave the heart untouched. They may train the tiger to assume a bland and gentle air; restrained by his bars, and having a purpose to gain, he may affect to be playful and meek; but they affect no change in his nature. When the occasion comes, the beast, ere while lying in the semblance of harmlessness and innocence, riots in all the terror of his might and fury. The pulpit alone has to do with the heart. It lays its hold upon the springs of human action. It removes not only the outer but the inner man. It makes the man a new creation. "The wolf shall lie down with the lamb, and the leopard with the kid; and the calf and the young lion, and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the suckling child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice's den."

The Pulpit is the grand instrument of civilization. This is not to be wondered at. Man is a religious being. If he be not blessed with the true, he will have a false religion; and his social, as well as his personal condition and character, will bear a close analogy to the rites and doctrines of the religion he acknowledges. The tendency of idolatry and superstition is to personal unholiness and national barbarism. But christianity purifies, enlightens, refines. Those tribes which have enjoyed the blessing of Divine revelation, have exhibited the human character in its highest perfection. They have enacted laws the most equal and just, have administered them most righteously, and observed them most honestly. Wherever the Gospel has gone, civilization has followed; and as its ministers penetrate the regions where the savage roams untaught and unsoftened, selfish, treacherous and fierce, the rugged wastes begin to smile. His pathway may be traced by the blessings he has dispensed; and along its borders you will find the wildman, having cast aside the implements of war, and forsaken the chase gathered into hamlets, and cultivating the arts of peace, and striving to promote the happiness of others.

Now, overthrow the pulpit; annul the christian ministry; withdraw the preacher from his sacred avocation, and turn him aside to other employments; and what say you for the prospects of the world? How long would just and equitable laws be enacted for the general good? How long would they be observed? How long would treachery, rapine, and violence stay their hand? Let France tell of the success of the experiment:—she points to the guillotine, stained with the blood of thousands of her offspring, which streams from its cruel altars, a swollen and terrific tide bearing along the unalterable sorrow of a nation, throughout every family, baptised in the gore of parent or child, of brother or sister, of lover or friend. The reverence due to age, and the awe which matronly virtue inspires—sympathy for virgin innocence and sorrow, and admiration for virgin loveliness and beauty—regard for manly vigor, and respect for manly virture —the safety usually allotted to private station, and withdrawment from public affairs, or that enjoyed as the reward of merritorious public services, avail nothing.

The people who can vote the christian religion a delusion, and overthrow its altars; who can annul the Sabbath, and tear down the pulpit, soon erect the guillotine, and turn their impious hands against domestic peace and national happiness. With infuriate madness, they fall one upon another, and drag their mutual victims to decapitation and death. Terrified, at length, by their own bloody atrocities, the infidel rulers of apostate France, beautiful no more, themselves declare tha
society cannot exist without religion, and that the pulpit is
necessary to its virtue and repose. Taught by their own ex
perience, they vote to restore the Sabbath, and the rites c
christian worship! The world witnesses an indirect illustr
tion of the influence of the pulpit in the Hospital of l
Morgue; for as the principles of the people, debauched ar
corrupted by infidelity, have led them to forsake the pulpi
and yield to hostile influences; the results which these pr
duce, must be ascribed to the absence of the influence whi
the pulpit would have exerted. It has been left to a nati
who turned their backs upon the christian ministry, and co
temned all the writes and doctrines of the christian religio
to find the commission of suicide and murder so common
mong them, as to render it necessary to erect a hospital for tl
dead, in the Capital of the Empire, the seat of the arts,
literature, and science. There the ghastly bodies of thos
who have fallen by their own hand, or the hand of other
are daily collected by the ministers of this temple of sorro
and crime, erected by Infidelity upon the ruins of the Chris
tian Church. There they lie in melancholy ranks to invit
the inspection of the public, so that kindred and friends ma
ascertain their fate, and remove them for interment. Her
is a new incident in the history of our race, and it tells wha
may be done, when the pride and depravity of man tramples the pulpit in the dust.

The comparative condition of christian nations, and of others which possess equal natural advantages, affords striking testimony to the healthful influences of the pulpit. And, in exact proportion as the simplicity and purity of its first institutions are maintained, is the power of the pulpit. So far from requiring the aid of government, the authority of the State, when brought to its assistance, impairs its force. Strong in the power of its founder, it needs the help of no human contrivance. It wields the strength of Omnipotence; for the preaching of the Cross of Christ, is the power of God to those who believe.

The influence of the pulpit is felt upon the intellectual, as well as the moral character and faculties of man; upon his civil and political well being. All experience has shown, that so soon as the christian ministry is established among a people, the intellectual character of that people becomes improved. Their mind becomes developed and well directed. Nor is there any thing strange in this. For the pulpit presents themes calculated to awaken the human mind, and agitate the human heart. Apathy, itself, all supine and slumbering, starts and listens as the Ambassador of Christ proclaims, in thoughts that breathe, and words that burn, the sublime and thrilling message which he bears from God the Creator, Redeemer, and Judge. Sinai rises before him, wrapped in fire and smoke, and amid the lightning's flash and thunder's peal, there falls, with keen distinctness, on his ear, the words of God's Holy Law. Sentiments, long latent and inactive, spring up in his soul. He finds food for deep, burning, never dying thought, widening and deepening as it rolls on. Amazed, confounded, self-condemned, but admiring, he is borne away into regions, which his intellect or feelings never before explored. Besides, when such a man, who has lived all his days ignorant of divine truth, and insensibile as well to the existence, as to the claims of eternity, is brought to consider its immeasurable heighth and depth, and length and breadth; and of himself as existing throughout all its unending ages in sorrow or in joy, can he cease to think? Can he think as he did before? Can he lie down as formerly, inert, stupid—all the faculties of his mind asleep, suspended, dead? No! A new world stands forth revealed to his gaze,—a new creation invites his scrutiny. Life and active being are waked up in his soul. He can no more be the crawling, unconscious thing of earth he had been, than can his heart cease to beat, or his lungs to breathe, while life dwells within him. But the work of the pulpit with him does not terminate here. The existence and attributes of God, form a part of the pulpit's theme. Bring a body in view of the sun, and it will imbibe or reflect his rays. The dew drop as it hangs pendulous on the blade of grass in early morn, is colorless and uninviting, but when the rays of light begin to play on the face of the earth, and it catches the beams of the rising sun, how it dazzles the eye with its brilliance and beauty! So with the mind brought to the contemplation of the infinite attributes and perfections of God: some impress of the Deity becomes enstamped upon it. Vast conceptions begin to form within it; for it is the Infinite in glory, perfection, and power, fills his thoughts. Connect with this subject of contemplation, the relations which he himself bears to God, rising up in his mind as his knowledge increases, and his mind becomes more developed—relations which involve his moral, physical, and intellectual being—which are implicated with all the affairs of his life,—which take hold of him in all his business, pleasures, motives, —which go with him throughout all his days, and accompany him in death, judgement, and eternity, and then answer whether the pulpit exercises an influence, and what sort of influence, upon the intellect of man. Nor does the pulpit let go its hold upon his intellectual powers with these. It has another theme with which to sound all the depths of man's thought and feeling—the Cross of Christ. Is there one cord of love unbroken in the heart? it must vibrate at the mention of the Cross of Christ. Is there one feeling in the soul responsive to the claims of gratitude? it moves at the name of Jesus. Does there exist an impulsive power in the heart fitted to act on the mind? the story of the incarnation, sufferings, and death of the Son of God, will bring it into action. Does any sense of justice rest in the mind—(and who is destitute of it?) but at the contemplation of that wonderous sacrifice offered on Calvary, where mercy and truth have met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other? shall not the mind feel all the high and holy and overwhelming sentiments and feelings, with which this sense is associated stirred up withi n it, and own that the Divine economy stands vindicated to the moral sense and reason of man,—that Jehovah stands forth to the universe as glorious in the attri·

butes both of justice and of mercy, which harmonize in this stupendeous display of the Divine Wisdom and Grace. O! the Cross of Christ! the unutterable, the inconceivable depths of the love of Jesus! With this theme, and this alone, may the minister of the everlasting Gospel go forth, and the world shall be moved. The foundation of human thought and feeling shall be shaken,—the rock of the human heart shall relent, and more potent than the Rod of Moses, the Cross shall cause the stone to gush out with waters of penitence and love. It shall give deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, and set at liberty those that are bound. It shall restore the fallen and guilty to the likeness of God, and, make him a partaker of the Divine nature.—As the moral character of man becomes assimulated to that of his maker, so will his intellectual. The renovation of the former, will be accompanied by the improvement of the latter. Right acting, and right feeling, must be connected with right thinking. Holiness cleanses what is impure—rectifies what is disordered, and restores to their proper places and proportions, all that is inordinate and out of the way, in morals and mind. A man of base principles, and ungoverable passions, cannot refrain from forming false opinons and arriving, at length, at fatal concluions. But he, in whose heart one right feeling,—one right sentiment is produced and cherished, has commenced a new and happy career as a rational, thinking being,—his intellectual, as well as his moral nature, has become exalted. It is said, that this principle was strikingly exhibited in the history of one of the earliest of the modern christian missons. The missionaries attempted at first to elicit the mind, and civilize the manners of the rude Greenlander, before they ventured to preach the doctrines of the Cross. They tried in vain. Many long, long years of dissappointed hope followed their efforts. They spoke of the happiness of civilized life, and attempted to teach its arts,—they reasoned of the existence of God, and spake of his works,—but the people remained rude, unthinking, unmoved. It occurred to them that they had adopted a wrong course. They concluded to preach Christ crucified. Instantly the stupid barbarian was arroused—he listened—he wept—he became a new creature. The Cross of Christ was manifested to be the power of God to salvation—the pulpit was demonstrated to be the proper instrument for civilizing the savage—for rousing the dormant energies of the mind, as well as for saving the soul.

But probably when this subject was proposed, it was intended that it should be discussed in reference to other considerations, not a little interesting to us, as Ministers and Deacons of the churches: that is, in reference to causes which may operate to favor or impair the influence of the pulpit, especially upon the spiritual interests of men. There exists a connexion between the character, conduct and qualifications of the christian minister, and the circumstances in which he is placed, and the success of his ministry, too apparent to be denied. These we shall assume as the basis of some practical remarks, without stopping to discuss the nature of this connection, or attempting to reconcile it with certain propositions, which may seem to deny its reality. We confess that there are difficulties which we never attempt to explore. We find as many of them in nature, as in religion. The difficulties in this, as in other cases, will be found to arise in the nature of the subjects themselves, involving the attributes of God—things too high for the comprehension of the finite mind. So that it would be well for us to remember that secret things belong unto God, but things that are revealed belong unto us to observe and do them: and as a general rule, it would be well for us not to suffer merely speculative opinions on any of the articles of our religious belief, or the inferences we might draw from any of the doctrines of the Bible, to turn aside from a due acknowledgement of every truth we find there, and implicit obedience to every precept, from a supposed incongruity with these doctrines. It is owing to the want of just apprehension on this subject—that some good people would make the church an inert and useless machine, a lifeless corpse, while the emissaries of Satan are all around it, active, vigilant, and enterprizing. The Devil is constantly and energetically engaged in building up and strengthening the kingdom he has so long maintained among the heathen, making use of every appliance for this purpose, and skilfully adapting the means to the end. By his arts the nations are bessotted, utterly corrupted, and alienated from God: and flying from one refuge of lies to another in hope to escape the wrath to come, of which conscience gives some premonitions, they rush down, benighted and hopeless, the broad road to everlasting destruction. In the mean time, these churches look on with folded arms, so charmed with a belief in the soundness of their doctrinal opinions; that they feel not for the ruin around them, and put not forth one effort to defeat the machinations of Satan, and despoil him of his prey. They know not that the Lord's time has come, that these outcasts should be converted and saved, and therefore they will not attempt it; while at the sametime the book of Revelation is complete, and the command of Jesus Christ, that his people should go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, remains unrepealed. But not to digress further, let us glance at some of the things which may operate favorably, or unfavorably, upon the influence of the pulpit.

We shall separate them into two classes, as emanating from the preacher himself, and from the church.

With reference to the preacher, then, we would say, that to render his ministry effective for promoting the great end of its institution, it is necessary that—

1st. He must be deeply concerned for the welfare of souls, and the glory of God. The sentiment of the Apostle must be his—"But none of these things move me," to wit, reproach, contempt, stripes, death, hunger, thirst, &c., "neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I may finish my course with joy, and the ministry which I have received of the Lord Jesus." "The love of Christ," says Paul, further, "constrains us, for we thus judge that if one died for all, then were all dead"—and thus judging, they gave themselves to toil, privation, and death. This concern will inspire a rich and thankful sense of the condescension and grace of God—a lively appreciation of the value of the atonement—a deeper abhorrence of sin, and a profound sense of its dreadful nature, which has rendered necessary the deep abasement, agony, and death of the son of God, to repair the mischief it has wrought. It will bring eternity with its sublime and terrible realities ever home to his thoughts; and reduce the things of the world to their just and insignificant proportions. So Peter felt: and Pentecost attested the moral power of the pulpit. Elijah affords another illustration of the power which accompanies this concern, when deeply rooted in the heart of a messenger of God. Fired with a holy jealousy for the honor and glory of Jehovah, he becomes perfectly insensible to the fear of the king, his enemy and persecutor, and as the servant of Ahab's King and God, he calls him to account for his idolatry and sin. Behold him on Carmel's top, standing solitary and alone, among all the thousands of Israel. He is surrounded with a nation of idolators, without sympathy or support—but this sentiment sustains him, and opens the fountains of eloquence and feeling. With what power he preaches. Who wonders that the multitudes cry out—The Lord, he is God!—The Lord, he is God! Such is the power which attends a preacher's possessing the spirit of his calling.

2d. He must study. It is not by rant and trickery on the part of the minister of the gospel, that men are to be permanently or beneficially affected. Crude notions, and extravagant gestures, do not avail here. If a minister would be respectable and influential, he must preach *God's* truth, and not his own fancies. To preach the whole truth as God has revealed it in its just proportions, and adaptations to times and circumstances, requires study—intense, continued, prayerful study. God's word is an inexhaustible treasury which may be forever explored, and still things new and old shall be drawn from it, appropriated to every condition. It should be carefully explored: hence an inspired Apostle says to his own beloved son in the faith, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." The Bible, then, is the first grand object of the minister's study. But the book of nature may be studied, too, with profit, in subservience to that of Revelation. The works of nature give knowledge of God, and a just discrimination, exercised upon the history of nations, aided by the light which the sacred Scriptures afford, will ascertain the wonders of His Providence. These should be known, and studied by the minister, that his knowledge, which is power, may be increased; and his own perceptions of the Divine wisdom, power and majesty, may be enlarged and strengthened. All science and literature may be made tributary to religion, and its minister ought to be enabled to avail himself of their aid: The God of Grace is the God of nature, and it will be found, that the wiser and better informed men become, the clearer they will perceive the harmony which exists between the volume of Revelation and the volume of nature. The more general advancement of the people in science and literature, renders it now more necessary than formerly, that the christian ministry should be men of intellectual cultivation. Otherwise their efficiency must be impaired. It is proper that they should be close students and accurate thinkers, to command the attention of men of polished and well-trained minds; and that they should be furnished with a fund of facts to illustrate, defend, and confirm the truth they preach: or to attack and destroy the false doctrines, and adroit objections, with which our Holy Religion may by assailed.

3d. He must cultivate a meek temper and kind demeanor towards all men. Our Lord has taught us that the meek shall inherit the earth. If in any calling meekness is more important than in others, it is in the christian ministry: and there its sweet influences are felt with power. When a man cultivates this temper, and kind, friendly manners, he unavoidably comes to entertain a lively interest in the welfare of others. This prompts to offices of kindness and friendship, and inspires confidence and attachment in all who know him. The value of such a feeling generally cherished towards a minister of the gospel, is inconceivable. His character will predispose the people for a favorable reception of his message, and give him a ready access to their notice, which he may improve to their spiritual advantages.

4th. But above all things, he must cultivate the spirit of piety. He must walk with God, if he would lead man True piety will give point and unction to all he says and does. When Moses came down from the Mount, from holding communion with God, his face shone. And there is something in the countenance of every child of God, who holds habitual intercourse with his Heavenly Father, which reflects something of the Divine perfections, and prepares men to reverence and adore His holy name.

Let us proceed to consider some things on the part of the members of the church, necessary to give effect to the pulpit.

1. They must fill their places in the house of God when the church meets for business, public worship, or social prayer. This is indispensable to men of the world, believing them sincere in their christian profession. When men doubt the sincerity of such profession, the preacher may

preach with pathos and power—he may warn, reprove, exhort, invite in vain—his hearers will regard it all as a mere pretence and this persuasion will close every avenue to their understanding, or their heart. But when the members are punctual in attendance upon these meetings, seem interested and attentive in their proceedings, their conduct speaks to the heart of others. It cheers the heart, too, of their preacher, and strengthens his hands. And there is no member so poor and obscure, who does not exert this influence. Perhaps, if many church members were more fully aware of this fact, they would not remain so neglectful of public worship as they are. The church, whose members are exemplary in this matter, are effective helpers to the preachers of the word. Amid the numerous, but little imagined causes of discouragement, and despondency, which press upon his spirits, their faithfulness and zeal sustain and comfort him. It is a striking feature in the christian character, that its graces cannot exist alone. They put forth, and bud and blossom together, like all the parts of a perfect flower, whose petals expand at the moment when all the organs have arrived at maturity, and are prepared to perform their several functions in the progress of fructification. Hence when a christian becomes alive to one duty or class of duties, he will be found immediately endeavoring to fulfil all the duties of his sphere. The man who feels that it is better to be a doorkeeper in the house of his God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness—to whom, one day in the house of the Lord is better than a thousand other days, will feel for the interest of Zion, and for spiritual interests of the impenitent. He will labor to promote these interests, and will discharge, with alacrity and zeal, all those duties which affect the influence of the pulpit. Such members are to the pastor what Aaron and Hur were to Moses, when they held up his hands during the strife between Amalek and Israel. Blessed with such members, Israel will prevail.

2. They must pray for their pastor. "The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Paul wrote to the church at Thessalonica, saying, " Brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified." A praying people will make a successful preacher

And, 3. They must come up to the duty of supporting the ministry so as to enable those who wait upon it to detach themselves from secular employments, and to give themselves wholly to the work. Free the Ambassadors of Christ from worldly cares and business—relieve them from the painful anxieties on account of the means of support under which so many now groan,—let them feel that their families are not in danger of starving, while they are abounding in the work of the ministry, and then the pulpit will be found exerting a moral power it has not done since the times of the Apostles. The preacher's mind. freed from corroding care, his limbs and his tongue unbound,—his affections flowing out towards his people, in return for their kindness and love, in all the freshness and fulness of the mountain stream, as it bursts from the rock, and pours along its verdant track a refreshing and fertalizing tide, he moves abroad a mighty instrument of blessedness and power.

Apprehensive of having already wearied your patience, we shall barely name some of the causes which may impair the influence of the pulpit. And, 1, on the part of the ministry.

1. Carelessness and indifference in the work, and to the work, in which they are engaged. 2. A spirit of self glory. 3. The assumption of the office from the consideration of the respectability it confers, or the supposed personal ease and indulgence in which those may indulge who take upon them its sacred functions. 4. An undevout temper. 5. Worldly mindedness. 6. A neglect of study and intellectual improvement, through pride or sloth.

2. On the part of the church.

1. The indulgence of a criticising and fault-finding temper, in reference to the ministers of the Gospel, both in regard to themselves, personally, and to their preaching.

2. Irregular attendance upon public worship and social prayer.

3. Indifference to the interests and business of the church.

4. Neglect in praying for the success of the Gospel, and for those who minister at the altar.

5. Constraining the pastors of the churches by making no adequate provision for their support, to devote their time to secular employments.

And, now, may God's blessing accompany this humble effort to promote the welfare of his people!

Stephen Pleasant, *Moderator.*

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1. The introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Geo. W. Purify, from Rom. 8 ch. and latter clause of the 9th vs. "If any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of his."

2. After prayer by Elder John L. Lee, the letters were handed in, and their standing noted as follows:

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	Received by baptism.	Do. by letter.	Dis'd by do.	Restored.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	Association fund.	For Domestic Missions.
Beulah,	Elder E. Dodson, Ira Love,	3	2	0	0	0	0	10	50	21 00
Cane Creek,	T. D. Oldham, S. Whittid, and J. Moore,*	76	2	4	0	1	1	237	3 00	11 72
Clement,	Elder S Pleasant, S. Wilkerson, and J. Coolman,	19	0	0	1	0	0	70	2 00	9 50
Ephesus,	A. Timberlock,* J. Moore, and R. E. Bass,	24	1	1	0	1	1	137	2 00	11 98
Hogan's Creek,	A. Martin, Wm. Noles, and J. Pirtle,	12	0	0	0	0	0	48	1 00	5 00
Kerr's Chapel,	H. M'Neal, A. Howard, and J. Kerr,	6	1	2	0	1	0	34	1 50	7 00
Leaksville,	Elder J. Robertson, J. L. Galden, and J. Covington.	† 15	1	3	1	4	1	71	1 50	5 05
Mars Hill,	J. Redding,* A. Durham, and T. S. Faucett,	13	5	0	0	1	1	86	2 00	4 40
Milton,	N. J. Palmer, E. W. West, and Wm. A. Whitfield,	18	6	0	0	0	0	63	2 00	3 00
Mill Creek,	J. F. Neal, J. Buchanan, and S. Gentry,	26	1	2	0	0	2	85	2 05	13 00
Madison,	R. Roberts, S. Baughan, and M. Stamps,	22	7	5	0	0	0	51	1 25	2 53
Trinity,	Elder J. J. James, Z. Neal, and C. Graves,	3	0	0	0	1	4	45	3 00	28 60
Yanceyville,	J. Kerr, T. J. Valentine, and S. S. Lea,	00	9	0	0	0	2	75	0 00	0 00
		267	35	17	2	9	12	1012	25 80	148 87

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* Not present.

† Seven more were added by experience.

3. The Association was then organized, by appointing Elder Stephen Pleasant Moderator, and N. J. Palmer, Assistant Clerk.

4. Elder John L. Lee, from the Strawberry, and Elder Wm. Jones from the Flat River Associations, were received as corresponding brethren from those bodies.

5. Bro. Aaron Jones, noted himself with us as a ministering brother.

6. Appointed Elder J. Robertson Pastor, and James Kerr, H. McNeal, and A. Howard, officers of this church to supply the stand with preachers during this meeting.

7. Bro. James Kerr, C. Graves, and H. McNeal, were appointed a committee of Finance.

8. Elders J. Robertson, J. J. James, and brother James Kerr, with the officers of this body were appointed a committee of Arrangement.

9. Committee upon Sabbath Schools, N. J. Palmer, Elder E. Dodson, and M. Stamps.

10. Committee on the state of Religion in our churches, J. J. James, E. Dodson, J. Robertson, C. Graves, and Geo. W. Purify.

11. Appointed John Kerr, J. J. James, N. J. Palmer, and Geo. W. Purify, a committee on the Baptist State Convention, and on Education.

12. Appointed Geo. W. Purify, T. D. Oldham, and T. J. Valentine, a committee on Temperance.

13. Agreed to give place to-morrow at 2 o'clock, to a meeting of the Bible Society.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow. Prayer by brother Aaron Jones.

Saturday, 10 *o'clock, A. M.*

Met agreeably to adjournment. Prayer by Elder J. J. James.

1. Called over the names of the Delegates.

2. The Committee of Arragements reported and were discharged.

3. Read the letters from the churches, which had been postponed until this morning.

4. The Committee appointed to revise the Constitution and Rules of order of this Body, reported the following, which were unanimously adopted as the Constitution and Rules of decorum of this Association. See letter A.

5. Brethren appointed to correspond with sister Associations reported.

6. Appointed messengers to the following Associations.

To Sandy Creek—G. W. Purify, S. Whittid, J. Moore, and T. D. Faucett.

To Roanoke—J. J. James, N. J. Palmer, and E. W. West.

To Raleigh—G. W. Purify, C. W. Brooks, T. D. Oldham, and Wm. A. Whitfield.

To Liberty—M. Stamps, Z. Neal, and J. Robertson.

To Flat River—S. Pleasant, T. King, J. J. James, S. Gentry, J. F. Neal, and G. W. Purify.

To Dan River—T. J. Valentine, J. J. James, N. J. Palmer, E. W. West, and Sidney Lea.

To Strawberry—J. Robertson, J. Golden, and Z. Neal.

7. The standing Presbytery to be the same as last year with the addition of Elder Z. Neal.

8. Appointed Elder J. J. James, the Agent for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, to explain its objects on to-morrow, to be followed by a public collection.

9. The following brethren, having been appointed a committee to divide this body in two sections, to be known as the East and West Sections, reported the following which was adopted.

East Section—Cane Creek, Moss Hill, Clement, Mill Creek, Ephesus, Beulah, and Milton.

West Section—Yanceyville, Kerr's Chapel, Trinity, Hogan's Creek, Leaksville, and Madison. The Association is to be held alternately in these Sections. Committee, C. Graves, J. Robertson, J. Kerr, James Kerr, T. D. Oldham, and S. Pleasant.

10. Appointed the next meeting of this Body to be held at Milton, to commence on Friday before the third Lord's day in September, 1846.

11. The time for holding the future sessions of this Body, was referred to a Committee, consisting of James Kerr, C. Graves, H. McNeal, J. L. Golden, and S. Gentry. They reported the time named above for its next session, and referred the final settlement of the time to the churches, to be reported in their letters to the next session of this Association, which report was adopted.

12. Elder Stephen Pleasant was appointed to preach the next introductory sermon, and Elder J. Robertson his alternate.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock on Monday. Prayer by the Moderator.

SABBATH.

In the morning, brother John Kerr in the prayer meeting, delivered an appropriate address on prayer. After which, Elders S. Pleasant, J. L. Lee, and William Jones, preached to an attentive congrégation ; may a divine blessing ensue.

Monday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Met agreeably to adjournment. Prayer by Elder E. Dodson.

1. Our Missionary, Elder E. Dodson reported, which was received and ordered to be printed. See letter B.

2. The committee on Baptist State Convention and Education reported, which was received and ordered to be printed. See letter C.

3. The committee on Sabbath schools reported, which was received and ordered to be printed. See letter D.

4. The committee on Temperance reported, which was received and ordered to be printed. See letter E.

5. Ordered that the Clerk have 500 copies of minutes printed, and receive the usual allowance for his services.

6. The committee on the state of Religion reported, which was received and ordered to be printed. See letter F.

7. Appointed a board of managers, consisting of the following brethren: Ira Love, S. Wilkeson, T. J. Valentine, T. D. Oldham, J. F. Neal, A. Timberlock, John Redding, J. L. Golden, C. Graves, J. M. Lindsey, Josiah Settle, N. J. Palmer, and James Kerr.

8. The following is the report on Finance.

Mission Fund.

Balance in hand last year,		$ 67 63
Amount received this year,		148 87
Retained in the hands of our Missionary from profits on books,		46 66
		263 16
Cr. Paid E. Dodson for 13 months service,	$260 00	260 00
Now in hand,		3 16

Association Fund.

Received last year,		$ 26 00
do. this year,		25 80
		51 80
Cr. Paid for printing Minutes for 1844,	$17 00	
Clerk's fees,	10 00	
	27 00	27 00
Now in hand,		24 80

Convention Fund.

Amount collected on Sabbath,	$17 00
From Beulah Church,	3 00
	20 00

9. Appointed N. J. Palmer, and T. D. Oldham, delegates to the Baptist State Convention, and Wm. A. Whitfield and E. W. West their alternates.

10. The Board were instructed to employ brother E. Dodson, to labor for us until the Convention in October, and then refer him to that Body, requesting it to appoint him to labor under the direction of our Board of managers, we pledging ourselves to pay into the Convention a sufficient sum to defray his expenses.

11. On motion of Elder J. J. James, Resolved that this Association heartily approve of the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention for Foreign and Domestic missions, and direct that its funds for Foreign missions be forwarded to its Foreign Board located in Richmond, Virginia.

Resolved that this Association concur in the recommendation of the Board of our Convention in continuing our connection with the American and Foreign Bible, and the Baptist Publication Societies.

12. Appointed Elder Geo. W. Purify, to preach a missionary sermon, on Sabbath, at our next Association, and J. J. James his alternate.

13. On motion of N. J. Palmer, Resolved, that this Association recommend to the members of their churches, by every means in their power to encourage Literary Schools, both male and female, which are, or may be established under the patronage and control of the Baptist Denomination, and that we particularly recommend to their support, the "Milton Female Institute," located in the town of Milton N. C., under the patronage of Beulah, Roanoke, Dan River and Flat River Associations, and the male Academy about to be established near Trinity church in Caswell N. C., under the patronage of that church, and also the "Wake Forest College," under the patronage of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, as Institutions eminently worthy of their support, and demanding at their hands, while in their infancy, extra exertions to sustain them.

Adjourned. Prayer by Elder Wm. Jones.

STEPHEN PLEASANT, Moderator.

GEO. W. PURIFY, Clerk.

Letter A.

Kerr's Chapel, Caswell county, N. C., Sep. 19th, 1845.

TO THE BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION:

The Committee appointed to "Revise the Constitution and rules of decorum" of this Association, report—

That they have performed the duty assigned them, and submit the accompanying draft, which is chiefly a compilation from the Constitutions of other Baptist Associations, to which your Committee have had reference. In some particulars, however, the Committee have struck for what to them seemed meet and proper, without the authority of precedent.

The Committee recommend that the draft by them now submitted, be *adopted*, and substituted instead of the Constitution and rules of decorum now in force.

To the wisdom and discretion of the Association, the whole matter is submitted.

In behalf of the Committee,
C. GRAVES.

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE BEULAH BABTIST ASSOCIATION.

Article 1st. This Association shall be called the Beulah Baptist Association.

2d. This Association shall be composed of—*first*—all the ordained ministers who are members of, or have the pastoral charge of the churches within this Associational district, who shall be members of the Association, *ex officio*. *Secondly*—Not more than three delegates from each church within the district aforesaid, who shall produce letters from the churches certifying their appointment; in which said letters shall be stated the numerical standing of said churches—showing their additions, losses, and changes of membership, since the last annual Association.

3d. The Association shall be held at least once a year, at such time and place as they may appoint; and shall be opened and closed with prayer.

4th. The officers of the Association shall be, a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer; the two last offices however, may be held by the same individual, should such be the pleasure of the Association.

5th. The officers aforesaid, shall be chosen at each *annual Session* of the Association, by ballot or nomination, as may be the pleasure of a majority of the members. And the Clerk shall be deemed to continue in office until another is appointed; and shall at all times perform the duties of Treasurer, unless another individual be appointed to the latter office.

6th. The Association shall have no right to interfere with the internal regulations of the churches, but may tender to them advice; and in case any of them should become corrupt in doctrine or practice—exclude such from their fellowship. And shall also have power to adopt such measures as may be deemed proper to promote the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom.

7th. All Committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

8th. A Committee of arragements shall be appointed, of which the Moderator and Clerk shall be members, *ex officio.*

9th. It shall be the duty of the Committee of arrangements to prepare the business of the Association, and to consider the expediency or inexpediency of bringing any matter proposed before the Association. The action of the Committee, however, in relation to any matter, shall not be conclusive, and any matter, or proposition, which may be rejected by them, may be brought before the Association, by any member thereof, who may not concur in their decision.

10th. It shall be the duty of the Association to deliberate on the matter prepared by the Committee, whether queries or propositions from the churches, or suggestions from the Committee, and to make such responses, and offer such council, as may be deemed fit and proper.

11th. The Association may invite Baptist ministers, (who may be present,) to a seat in their Body, who shall be admitted to the privileges of counsel and debate only.

12th. The power of appointing Presbyteries for the ordination of ministers, and the constitution of churches within this district, shall be vested in this Association. And it shall be the duty of the Association, at each annual Session, to appoint a standing Presbytery, to attend to all requests from the churches relating to these matters, during the succeeding Associational year, and until another Presbytery shall be appointed.

13th. This Association may have a Board of Managers to be composed of one member from each church, together with the ordained ministers of the Association, whose duty it shall be to transact all business committed to it by the Association from one annual meeting to another, and present at each meeting of the Association, a faithful report of all its proceedings. It may also recommend in its report, any measures of interest or importance to the consideration of the Association. And after the present year, the lay members of the said Board, shall be appointed by the Association, upon the nomination of their respective churches, provided the churches choose to exercise such right, but in default of such nomination by the churches, the Association shall have the power to fill the Board, without such nominations. And seven members shall constitute a quorum of said Board, and the officers of the Board shall be such as it may choose to appoint, and it shall also have power to regulate the time and place of its own meetings.

14th. This Constitution may be altered or amended, at any annual meeting of the Association, by a vote of *two thirds* of the whole body.

RULES OF ORDER AND DECORUM.

1st. The Moderator shall take the chair every day during the Session, at the hour appointed at the adjournment—and call the members to order, and on the appearance of a quorum, cause the minutes of the preceeding day to be read.

2d. He shall preserve decorum and order, shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Association by any member.

3d. He shall rise to put a question, but may state it sitting. He shall have the right to call any member to perform the duties of the chair temporarily.

4th. The Moderator shall not vote on any question, unless the Association be equally divided.

5th. He shall not speak in debate while occupying the chair, but may call another to the chair, and then he shall have the privilege of speaking, in common with any other member.

6th. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Association, he shall rise from his seat, and address himself to the Moderator.

7th. When two or more members *rise* at the same time, the Moderator shall name the member to speak first.

8th. No member shall speak more than twice to the same question, without leave of the Association.

9th. No member shall absent himself, finally, from the Association without leave.

10th. Decency of speech shall be observed—and *personal* reflections carefully avoided.

11th. Whilst the Moderator is putting any question, or addressing the Association, no person shall speak, stand up, or walk out, or across the house. Nor when a member is speaking, entertain private discourse, stand up, or pass between him and the Moderator.

12th. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, but to adjourn—to lay on the table—to postpone indefinitely—to postpone to a day certain--to commit or to amend; which several motions shall have precedence, in the order in which they stand arranged.

13th. All Committees shall consist of three members, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

14th. A select Committee shall be appointed on the first day of the Association, to select the ministers who are to preach on Saturday and the succeeding days of the meeting, and give notice thereof to the respective ministers, whose duty it shall be to conform to the arrangements thus made.

15th. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be put by the Moderator, unless withdrawn by the mover.

16th. No standing rule shall be rescinded, altered, or suspended, unless by a vote of two thirds of the members present.

17th. The Constitution and Rules of decorum and order, shall be read on Saturday of each Session of the Association.

Letter B.

MISSIONARY'S REPORT.

The Association of 1844 was held in August; that of 1845 is held in September. This arrangement has kept me in the field 13 months.

During this time, I have travelled 4561 miles, and preached 241 sermons. I have obtained 34 subscribers for the Biblical Recorder, 1 for the Religious Herald, and 7 for the Christian Review.

My sale of books amounts nearly to the sum of $ 260, the profits of which, after paying all the expenses of conveyance from Philadelphia to this place, is $ 40 06 1-4. I have received $ 6 60 which, with the profit on the books, will be employed in the liquidation of my salary.

I have attended the following protracted meetings, viz:

The first Lord's day in September 1844, I attended a protracted meeting with brother Pleasants, at Clement, which continued a fortnight, and resulted in 26 conversions.

On the third Lord's day in the same month, I attended another meeting of the same character at Kerr's chapel. This was continued six days, and there were 5 or 6 conversions.—This was held with brother Robertson. On the fourth Lord's day in September, I attended a protracted meeting with brother Robertson at Hogan's Creek. Here there were 4 or 5 converts. On the fifth Lord's day in September, I attended another meeting of the same kind, with brother Purify at Cane Creek. Elders Wm. Jones and Enoch Crutchfield were also present. This meeting closed on the 6th day with 70 converts. This is the aggregate of two meetings. On the fourth Lord's day in July 1845, brother Robertson and myself had a meeting at Hogan's Creek, which continued six days, and closed with 10 or 12 conversions. On the first Lord's day in August, brother Robertson and myself held a meeting with the Madison church at Bond's school house, which closed on Friday following, with 24 conversions. It is believed that the flourishing Sunday school at this place, contributed in no small degree to this revival.

On the second Lord's day, brother Robertson and myself commenced a protracted meeting in Leaksville which closed on Friday following with 5 or 6 conversions. On the third Lord's day in August, brother Robertson and myself commenced a protracted meeting at Wentworth which lasted six days, and resulted 16 conversions.

I have several interesting Bible classes in the Association, while others are not so much so, on account of the apathy of the members. Three books make up the whole library for the classes, viz: the Bible, Malcom's Bible Dictionary, and E. Lincoln's Sabbath school class Book. The whole number of Bible classes is eleven, of which five are very interesing.

I cordially recommend to your consideration the American Baptist Publication Society. It has been an advantage to you this year in two respects. 1st. The profits have aided in sustaining the Domestic Missionary; and 2d. manyexcellent books have been distributed. I hope your eye will be forever on this Society as one of its instrumentalities in doing good. A good minister might become a colporteur for the whole State of N. C., and obtain a sufficient amount of money from the profits arising from the sale of books, to allow him a reasonable compensation. In one year he might sell books amounting to $ 1000. Every missionary of the N. C., Baptist State Convention, should be a colporteur. Every pastor, Sunday school and family, should be supplied with good books. A person may become a life member by the payment of $ 20, and have the sum of $10 returned to him in books. Would not some wealthy brother do well to become a life member, and procure books to the amount of $ 10 to give to his pastor, or present to a Sunday school?

In conclusion, I would say brethren, the time for action is short. Let us neglect no benevolent enterprise. Said a great man, "While you look at one of the bright constellations of heaven, which star would you have extinguished; or while looking at the beautiful rainbow, which of the seven colours would you have stricken out."

I would suggest to the ministers, the great importance of devoting more time to the ministry. The judges, the lawyers, the members of our State Legislature and of Congress, are absent from their families for a long period of time. Shall ministers stay at their homes, and travel no more than monthly to the few churches around them, and annually to their Associations?

Some may object, and say the churches do not support the ministry as they should. There is some plausibility in the objection, but the churches are making some improvement in this respect. If ministers were to consecrate more of their time to their spiritual employment, and were to preach to the churches their whole duty, liberality would be increased to release many zealous and useful preachers.

The Saviour sent out his disciples two and two. If all the ministers in the Association would agree to divide the whole number into companies consisting of two each, and should consecrate every year the months of August and October entirely to the ministry of the word, a vast amount of good could be done. If there were in all six ministers, three protracted meetings could be held in one week. In a month, protracted meetings could be held at every meeting house in the Association. If they should not have protracted meetings, let them perform tours in the country as ministers did in olden times.

I would recommend to this Association, the Biblical Recorder. It should have 500 subscribers in its bounds. If people would make the necessary retrenchments, many of them could afford to take this periodical. Instead of buying a hat for $ 5, let them buy one for a smaller sum; instead of buying a pair of fine shoes, let them buy a pair of plain ones.

The press is the moral artillery of truth, and the speaking trumpet of the earth. It gives wings to thought, as well as omnipotence and omnipresence to moral influence.

ELIAS DODSON.

Letter C.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Commitee on Education and the State Convention, respectfully submit the following report.—

The cause of education in the Baptist church in North Carolina, is identified with the continuance and prosperity of Wake Forest College, which owns its origin to, and has been chiefly supported by, the friends of our State Convention. Indeed it may be stated, that the three, *Education*, the *College*, and the *Convention*—have a common origin, and are linked in a common destiny. Without the advantages of education, the ministry of the Baptist church will be unable, we fear, to enter the tests of controversy, and contend successfully with the talent and learning, which other denominations are taking great care to provide for themselves. And though we are far from believing that a classical education is indispensable to success in the ministry, yet we will agree, that whatever other advantages the ministery may possess, it will do no harm, to superadd that of a liberal education. The spirit of the age in which we live, demands of us, as a christian church, the exercise of all our energies, and the employment of all our means, to advance the cause of education. Your committee regard it as second in importance to no subject, which we may be called upon to consider as connected with the future prospects of our beloved church in this State. The State Convention however, has other objects in view, as well as the promotion of the cause of education. Foreign and Domestic missionary operations are deemed of great importance in this day, by all enlightened christians, who are not led astray by the force of prejudice, and the power of influential names—and it is by the agency of the Convention, that we have been enabled for some years, to acquit ourselves in some degree of our duty in regard to these objects, and for the purpose of bringing into the service of the church all its means, for the promotion of the great objects referred to, an institution has been recently established in our State, styled the Baptist Western Convention, which is in its character, auxiliary to the State Convention, and is designed by its founders to do for Western North Carolina, what our State Convention *has* done, or is still doing for the East. Your Committee are unable to furnish any statement of facts, in regard to the operations of the Convention during the last year; but refer you for much that is interesting on this subject, as well as in reference to the Western organization alluded to, to our brother, Rev. J. J. James, who represented us in the last session of the Convention, and who was present and participated in the organization of the Western auxiliary institution.

In conclusion, we would say—let us sustain our schools and colleges, if we would hope to stand our ground in the fierce conflict which awaits us in defence of our principles. And as we would cherish the memory of the last words of our Saviour, and would know the luxury of doing good, let us not withhold our aid from the State Convention in its efforts to send the pure and holy light of gospel truth to the destitute of our own land, and to the nations which lie in heathenish darkness.

LETTER D.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully submit the following report:

On looking over the church letters sent up to this Association, they are pleased to find that Sabbath schools have been established, and are now in successful operation in most of our churches; and although we have not the cheering accounts of conversions to God among the teachers and scholars, which so much delighted our hearts at the last meeting, yet we have great reason to believe that much good is effected in these schools, and ere long we shall see the fruits thereof in an abundant harvest of precious souls born unto Christ and adopted into his church.

Your Committee entertain the confident belief that the establishment and successful prosecution of Sabbath school instruction, has been, and will continue to be, under the blessing of God, one of the surest means of building up his churches, and perpetuating in their purity and simplicity the civil and religious institutions of our beloved country. "Knowledge is power," is an old, but nevertheless a true maxim, and when the Institutions of a country are based upon the virtue and intelligence of the people, you cannot more effectually strengthen them, than by enlightening their understandings, and enabling them to read and comprehend the truths of the Bible; thereby putting it into their power successfully to meet and combat the dogmas of ignorance and superstition, and strengthen their already tottering fabrics.

Your Committee indulge the fond hope, that before another year shall roll around, Sabbath schools will be established, and Libraries provided in every church connected with this Association. And before many years, every neighborhood within its bounds will be blessed with branches emenating from the churches and cenducted by their members. Then may we fondly hope to see a general ingathering to all our churches, and a degree of intelligence worthy of the age in which we live, pervading our land.

Your Committee might here say much on the responsibilities and duties of superintendants and teachers, but by looking to the word of God, they will learn there more fully their duties, than can be set forth in the limits of this report; we would say however, that they should be conducted in the fear of God, and in humble dependence on Him. Every enterprize in which we embark, should be begun and carried on with the fear of the Lord before our eyes, and under an abiding sense of our inability to accomplish any good without his blessing.—With these feelings and dispositions in their hearts, success will crown their efforts, and the work of the Lord prosper in their hands.

On the subject of establishing Libraries, which your Committee deem important to the success of every Sabbath school, they would say, that the facilities for obtaining proper books, and the low rates at which they can be purchased, places it in the power of every neighborhood or village where there is a school, to procure a good Library. For the sum of five dollars, which can be sent by any of our merchants going to the North, a number of small but useful and interesting volumes can be obtained ; and for the sum of ten dollars, a very respectible Library can be purchased of such books that will not only be highly useful to the scholars, but the teachers themselves will derive great benefit from them, and with proper care they will last for years, and be a source af incalculable good.

A small depository of Sabbath school books has been established in Milton, and the chairman of your Committee, while on a recent visit to the North, has made such arrangements, that by order or letter, he can procure from the Baptist Publication Society in Philadelphia, or from Rev. Lewis Colby of the Baptist church in New York, a choice Library of Sabbath school books to any amount desired. This he will take great pleasure in doing without any other charge than the necessary expenses of freight &c.

In conclusion, your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the churches belonging to this Association, who have not established Sabbath schools, and Sabbath school Libraries, are hereby respectfully requested to establish the same as early as practicable, not only in their churches but in the adjoining neighborhoods, to be under the control and direction of one or more of their members.

N. J. PALMER, Chairman.

Letter E.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Temperance, beg leave to submit the following report :—

As the great Apostle to the Gentiles "reasoned of Temperance, and reckoned it among the graces of the spirit," we feel that it should occupy a portion of our time and consideration. From the letters we learn that there are efficient Societies of this character within the bounds of a portion of our churches, for which we commend them. It is with regret that we learn that others have not turned their attention systematically to this subject. Great good has been effected by the Temperance reformation, many intemperate persons have been reformed, which has caused the hearts of many companions and children to leap for joy. Much yet remains to be done to check this destroyer of human happiness, as well as the souls and bodies of our fellow creatures. Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That we recommend the brethren connected with the churches in this Association, to manifest a commendable zeal in its behalf, and that our ministering brethren give their hearty co-operation in promoting this cause. All of which is respectfully submitted. G. W. PURIFY, Ch'm.

LETTER F.

REPORT ON RELIGION.

Your Committee appointed to report on the present state of religion within the bounds of this Association, have had the subject under careful examination, and take pleasure in presenting the following:

All the churches but one, state in their letters that they have received accessions, some of them large ones; giving an increase of two hundred and thirty seven members added by baptism during the Associational year. This statement, your Committee feel should excite our united gratitude and thankfulness to the great Head of the Church. God hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad. The number added by baptism during the last year, is greater in proportion to the size of our body, than in any neighboring Association of which we have knowledge. The same remark is also true of our relative increase for several years past. But your Committee does not look at our nominal increase as the most interesting feature in the present state of religion. There may be an increase of number, without a corresponding increase of piety in our churches. But it is their happiness to state, both from a careful examination of the letters, and from personal observation and knowledge, that the standard of piety has been considerably elevated, and personal religion is claiming a more distinct consideration. It is already felt by many, that each member has not only a seat in the church, but something to do for its prosperity, and that no one can be useful as a christian, who does not cherish to some extent, the graces of God's Holy Spirit. It is also worthy to be recorded, that where prayer meetings have been most regularly attended and kept up, and Sabbath schools fostered, and Bible classes established; that the means of Grace have been most blessed in increasing the numbers, the piety, the usefulness and the religious enjoyment of our churches; and in this connexion it is proper to state, that we have the best reason to believe, that the faithful and untiring labors of our Missionary, has under God, contributed much towards promoting our religious prosperity. Much more of interest might be stated in this report, did not your committee feel that it would be occupying too much space to record it.—They would say however in conclusion, that while we have much to encourage us from a survey of the past, we should remember that there is much yet to be attained. That neither the ministers nor deacons nor private members, are as holy and as much devoted as it is their duty and their privilege to be; that we need among us more of family religion and more of individual religion, before we shall be fully prepared to go forward in the spiritual conquest. As the means of promoting our spiritual prosperity, your committee would recommend a more extensive reading of the Scriptures, a more punctual attendance on the means of Grace, and an enlarged liberality in sustaining the preached word. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. J. JAMES, Ch'm.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BIBLE SOCIETY.

Saturday, Sep. 20th, 1845.

The Annual meeting of the Beulah Bible Society convened this day at two o'clock, P. M. Agreeably to its Constitution, Calvin Graves Esq., the President, took the chair, and called the Society to order.

The exercises of the occasion were opened by reading a portion of the 112th Psalm, by the Rev. J. J. James. Rev. E. W. West, of Milton, then led in prayer. The Hymn commencing "How precious is the book divine," was then sung by the congregation.

The Rev. J. J. James, appointed at the organization of the Society to deliver its first annual address, then arose from the sacred stand, and addressed the Society in the hearing of a large congregation who had assembled in the house to witness the exercises of the Society. His address was founded upon the 105th verse of the Psalm which he had read; "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

At the conclusion of the address, the following Resolution was offered by N. J. Palmer, of Milton, accompanied with a short address upon the important objects to be effected by the Society. Resolved, That the circulation of the sacred Scriptures, is indispensable to the success of the gospel ministry, and the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom.

The Resolution was seconded by John Kerr, Esq. of Yanceyville, and the Rev. John L. Lee of Virginia, accompanied by highly interesting and appropriate addresses. The Rev. J. J. James then made a few remarks in explanation of the objects of the Society, after which, the resolution was unanimously adopted.

On motion, a Committee was then appointed to wait upon the congregation, to solicit funds, and obtain the names of additional members to the Society, who reported an addition of a number of names, and the contribution of upwards of twenty dollars to its funds.

On motion, John Kerr Esq. was appointed to deliver the next annual address before the Society.

The officers of the past year were then re-elected to wit:— CALVIN GRAVES Esq. President, Rev. J. J. JAMES and JAMES KERR, Vice Presidents, N. J. PALMER Secretary, and Rev. Z. NEAL Treasurer, who also constitute the Board of Managers of the Society for the ensuing year.

The Society then adjourned to meet on Monday at the call of the President.

Monday, September 22d 1845.

The Society met according to adjournment, the President, Calvin Graves, in the chair.

On motion of John Kerr, it was resolved that when the Society adjourn, it adjourn to meet in Yanceyville, on the Saturday before the fourth Sabbath in November next.

The Treasurer submitted his annual Report, which was read by the Secretary, and approved of by the Society, and the Treasurer was directed to refund to N. J. Palmer the Secretary, the sum of $ 3 50 advanced by him in the purchase of Bibles.

On motion of Rev. J. J. James, it was ordered that the funds now on hand, be sent by the Treasurer to the Baptist State Bible Society, at the ensuing meeting in Raleigh.

The following persons were appointed delegates to the Baptist State Bible Society at Raleigh, to wit: Rev. J. J. James, Rev. E. W. West, Thomas D. Oldham, N. J. Palmer and Wm. A. Whitfield.

On motion, Rev. Z. Neal was appointed distributing Agent for the Society for the ensuing year.

On motion, Rev. E. Dodson was appointed to preach a sermon before the Society at its ensuing meeting in Yanceyville.

On motion, the Clerk of the Association was requested to publish the foregoing proceedings with the Minutes of the Association, at the expense of the Society.

The Society then adjourned after prayer by Rev. J. J. James.

CALVIN GRAVES, President.

N. J. PALMER, Secretary.

The Treasurer of the Beulah Bible Society submits the following Report :

Since the organization of the Society at Madison, in August last, and up to this meeting, I have received by contribution of members, the sum of $ 16 50, and paid over the same to N. J. Palmer the Secretary, who I learn sent that amount, with the addition of $ 3 50 cents advanced by him to the Baptist Publication office at Philadelphia, who sent in return that amount in Bibles, including the expense of bringing them up &c. Those remaining unpaid on subscriptions, the sum of seven dollars, a part of which has been paid since the present meeting of the Association.

Z. NEAL, Treasurer.

September 22*nd*, 1845.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Monday, Sep. 22*nd*, 1845.

The newly appointed Board of Managers, met at the call of the Moderator of the Association. Present, Elders Stephen Pleasant, J. J. James, John Robertson, James Kerr, Calvin Graves, N. J. Palmer, Thomas J. Valentine, Thomas D. Oldham, John L. Golden, Stephen Wilkerson, John F. Neal and Ira Love.

James Kerr Esq., was elected President, Calvin Graves Vice President, N. J. Palmer Secretary, and Z. Neal Treasurer of the Board.

On motion of Elder J. J. James, it was unanimously agreed that Elder Elias Dodson be continued as the Missionary of the Association until the ensuing meeting of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, upon the same terms as heretofore.

On motion of brother Calvin Graves, it was Resolved, That the delegates of the Association to the Convention, with Elder J. J. James, be appointed a Committee to recommend to the Convention, on behalf of this Board, the appointment of Elder E. Dodson as a Missionary for the Beulah Association, to travel under the direction of the Board, the Association pledging themselves to provide for his support.

On motion of brother Thomas J. Valentine, it was Resolved, That when that Board adjourn, it adjourn to meet with the church in Yanceyville on the Friday before the fourth Sabbath in November next.

On motion, Elder J. J. James was appointed to preach a sermon before the Board at its next meeting.

On motion, the Missionary of the Association was requested to continue his monthly meetings with the Beulah church.

On motion, the Board then adjourned.

JAMES KERR, President.

N. J. PALMER, Secretary.

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTEENTH SESSION

OF THE

EULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT

Milton, Caswell County, North-Carolina,

ON THE 18TH, 19TH, 20TH, AND 21ST DAYS OF SEPT., 1846

MILTON, N. C.

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PROCEEDINGS.

Milton, Friday, Sept. 18th, 1846.

The members of the Beulah Baptist Association, met in the Baptist Church, in Milton, according to adjournment.

The sermon introductory to the exercises of the Association, was, agreeable to appointment, preached by Elder Stephen Pleasant, of Person, from Genesis, 28th chapter, 20th and 21st verses: "And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, if God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, that I come again to my father's house in peace, then shall the Lord be my God."

After a short intermission the Association convened and its proceedings were opened, after singing, with prayer, by Elder S. Pleasant, Moderator of the last session.

The letters from the different Churbes were then handed in and the names of their delegates and standing noted as follows.

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	Received by Baptism.	Do by Letter	Dis'd by do.	Restored.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	Association fund	For Domestic Missions	Total.
									$ cts.	$ cts.	$ cts.
Beulah,	ELIAS D[illegible], *Thomas J. Valentine Edward W. West,*	1		1				16	0 50	10 00	10 50
Clement,	Stephen Wilkerson,* Joseph Coleman, and Thomas R. Glenn,	1	1	6		1	1	65	2 [illegible]	11 50	1[illegible] 50
Cave Creek,								237			
Ephesus,	John Smith,* A. Timberlake and Samuel R. Woody*	4					1	135	2 [illegible]	12 46½	1[illegible] 46½
Hogan's Creek	Josiah Settle, Andrew Martin,* John Williams,	5	2	2		3		50	1 00	[illegible] 37	10 [illegible]
Kerr's Chapel.	James Kerr, H. McNeil and Wm. J. Moore.	0	3	2		3		32	1 50	15 00	16 50
Leaksville,	David Smith, George H. Chapman and James H. Churchill,*	9	1	3		1	2	81	1 50	6 75	8 25
Mars Hill,	John Redding, Wm. Ward, and Allen Durham,	4	2				1	91	2 00	7 25	9 25
Milton,	N. J. Palmer, Wm. A. Whitfield & Barzillai Graves,	1	1	2			1	61	2 00	5 00	7 00
Madison,	Holland Barnes, Allen Smith,* and Walter Smith,*	30	7			4		80	2 00	6 45	[illegible]
Mill Creek,	Thomas H. Nelson, Wm. Patterson and Robert Jones,*	0	1	7		3	2	75	2 00	13 37½	1[illegible] 37½
Trinity,	Calvin Graves, Wm. Russell, and R. W. Lawson,*	1	1					47	3 00	10 00	[illegible]3 00
Yanceyville,	John Kerr, S. S. Lea, and A. S. Yancey,*	2	2	1		1	1	75	4 00	50 00	[illegible]
Total.		58	21	24		15	9	1039	23 50	197 06	220 [illegible]

The names of Ordained Ministers are in SMALL CAPITALS. Licentiates in *Italic*. * Absentees.

In addition to the Contributions noted above, the Beulah Church contributed for

Foreign Missions,	$3 25
Wake Forest College $6. and Bible Society $1 00,	7 00
Leaksville Church, to Elder W. Lineberry, Ag't Convention for Foreign Missions	5 15
Milton Church, to same for Convention,	[illegible]
Mars Hill, Education Fund, $1 75, Foreign Missions 50 cents,	2 25
Amount of Public Collection on Sabbath of Association,	26 5[illegible]
Amount paid William Lineberry from Hogan's Creek Church,	5 00
	$5[illegible] 7[illegible]

As there were no delegates from Cane Creek Church nor Letter, her aggregate number was stated same as last year.

The following Ministers are ex-officio members of the Association: Elders Stephen Pleasant, [illegible]S. Wait, J. J. James, G. W. Purify, T. K[illegible], J. R[illegible], E. D[illegible] and [illegible].

Elder George W. Purify, Clerk of the Association, being absent, on motion, N. J. Palmer was appointed Clerk *pro tem.*, and John Kerr, Esq., assistant Clerk.

Elder Stephen Pleasant was unanimously re-elected Moderator.

It being understood that Elder G. W. Purify declined further service as Clerk of the Association, on motion, Nathaniel J. Palmer was unanimously appointed to fill the vacancy.

Correspondents from sister Associations and religious bodies, were then invited to take seats with us; when brother J. C. Cole, from the Dan River, brother M. T. Yates, from the Raleigh, and Elder Lewis Du Pre, agent of the American Foreign Bible Society, (from the Concord Asso.) were invited to take seats with us.

Brethren Calvin Graves, James Kerr, and Wm. A. Whitfield, were appointed a Committee of finance.

Brethren John Kerr, John Redding, Elder J. J. James, with the Moderator and Clerk, were appointed a Committee of Arrangements.

The death of Brother Algernon S. Yancey, of the Yanceyville Church, and Henry G. Parish, of the Mars Hill Church, delegates elect to this Association, were announced; when, on motion of Brother Calvin Graves, it was *Resolved*, that in view of this afflicting dispensation of Providence, the Association engage in prayer. Elder S. Wait led in that exercise.

On motion, a Committe consisting of Brethren J. Kerr, Calvin Graves, N. J. Palmer, John Redding and William Ward were appointed to draw up and report suitable resolutions in reference to our deceased brethren.

Elder J. J. James, N. J. Palmer and W. A. Whitfield, were appointed a committee to arrange the religious exercise during the session of the Association.

On motion, it was agreed that the Association give place at two o'clock to-morrow, afternoon, to the Annual meeting of the Beulah Bible Society.

At the suggestion of Brother John Kerr, the clerk was directed to correct an error in the last Minutes in reference to the contributions of the Yanceyville Church for Domestic Missions. (The amount of contributions for that purpose should have been stated $40.)

The Association adjourned until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock. Prayer by Brother M. T. Yates.

Saturday morning, September 19*th*, 1846.

The Association convened according to adjournment, and was opened after religious services conducted by Elder J. J. James and Brother John Kerr.

The arrival of Elder J. J. Finch, pastor of the Baptist Church in Raleigh, and Secretary of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, was announced by brother J. Kerr, and he was invited to take a seat in the Association.

Brother Kerr, from the Committee of Arrangements, made a report which was read and accepted by this Association.

On motion the Constitution and Bye-laws of the Association were then read.

Brother John Kerr, from the Committee in reference to the deaths of brother Yancey and Parish, presented the following resolutions:

Resolved, That in the death of our lamented brethren, Algernon Sidney Yancey & H. G. Parish, Delegates elect from their respective Churches, to this Association, we feel that we, and the Baptist Church in North-Carolina, have sustained a great loss; but we nevertheless bow in humble submission to the will of Him who is ever too wise to be mistaken, and too good to be unkind—and, though suffering under this melancholy bereavement, the sorrow natural and unavoidable under such circumstances, we yet feel especially grateful to our heavenly Father for the consolation, flowing from the recollection, that our loved and lamented brethren died in the fullest triumph of the Christian faith, and left this world with joy, to meet their Saviour in Heaven.

Resolved, That we feel most deeply for the widows and orphans of our departed brethren, and we hereby tender them the expression of our sincere condolence, and the pledge of our united and individual supplications to Heaven in their behalf—that He who is the widow's husband and father to the orphan, may guide and direct them through the perils of life and keep them in safety and security until that day when He shall call them home to himself in Heaven.

After some very feeling and appropriate remarks by Elders J. J. James, Samuel Wait and brethren Kerr and Palmer, the resolutions were *unanimously* adopted and directed to be published in the Minutes.

At the suggestion of Elder J. J. James, brother M. T. Yates, recently appointed by the Southern Board of Foreign Missions, at Richmond, Va., as a Missionary to China, was received and recognized as a representative from that body

The following Resolutions were offered by brother N. J. Palmer:

Resolved, That this Association approves of the recommendation of the Southern Baptist Convention which recently convened in Richmond, Virginia, "that a monthly concert of Prayer be observed in all the Churches connected with that body, for the spread of the Gospel, and at the same time to receive contributoins in aid of that object, and that the Churches of this Association be and they are hereby requested to observe the same in the afternoon of the first Lord's Day in each month.

Resolved, That the Missionary Journal, now pulished in the City of Richmond, under the direction of the Foreign Mission Board, at one dollar per annum, be and it is hereby, recommended to the patronage of the Churches and members of this Association.

The resolutions were seconded by Elder Finch, of Raleigh, who addressed the association on the subjects embraced therein; they were also sustained by Elder Lewis Du Pre and brother John Kerr; they were then referred to a committee consisting of brother Lewis Du Pre, J. Kerr, and J. Settle, appointed in reference to the Southern Baptist Convention. They were afterwards *unanimously* adopted by the Association.

Brother James Kerr, President of the Board of Managers of the Association, made their annual Report which was read by Elder J. J. James, and received by the Association and directed to be published with the Minutes (See Appendix, letter A.)

On motion of brother John Kerr, *Resolved*, that so much of the report as relates to the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, be referred to a select committee. Elder J. J. Finch, and brethren John Kerr and Calvin Graves were appointed on this Committee.

On motion, of N. J. Palmer, it was, *Resolved*, That so much of the report as relates to Sabbath Schools, be referred to a committee of three. Elder J. J. James, N. J. Palmer, and H. McNeil, were appointed on the Committee.

On motion, of the same, so much of the report as relates to education, was referred to a Committee of five. Elder Samuel Wait, Calvin Graves, E. W. West, W. A. Whitfield, and James Kerr, were appointed to compose the Committee.

On motion, of brother Calvin Graves, a Committee of three was appointed, to nominate a Board of Managers, for the ensuing year. Calvin Graves, B. Graves, and W. A. Whitfield, were appointed on the committee.

After referring to the recommendations of the Churches, in reference to changing the time of the meeting of the Association, it was *unanimously* Resolved, That in future the Association, meet annually on the Friday before the first Sabbath in August.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the next meeting of the Association, be held with the Church at Hogan's Creek, in Rockingham County, N. C. and that Samuel Wait, preach the introductory sermon. Elder George W. Purify, to preach the Missionary sermon.

Brother Henry Stamps, a correspondent from the Roanoke Association, appeared and was invited to take a seat in the Association.

The Association, accepted of the invitation tendered, by the Milton Church, to commune with them on Sunday afternoon.

Brother N. J. Palmer, and W. A. Whitfield, were appointed a committee, to ascertain how much the representatives, of each Church, would pledge towards making up the deficiency, in the salary of the Missionary of the Association.

On motion, the Association, agreed to hold a meeting for prayer, and religious conversation, on the state of religion in the Churches, on to-morrow morning, at ten o'clock.

On motion, of brother John Kerr, *Resolved*, That we deem it the duty of our Domestic Missionary, to be prompt in his attendence, in the sessions of this body, on the first day of the meeting thereof.

The Association, then adjourned until Monday morning, nine o'clock. Prayer by Elder Lewis Du Pre.

Sunday, September 19th, 1846.

At 10 o'clock, an Associational prayer meeting was held in the Baptist Church, under the direction of the Moderator. At eleven o'clock, in the absence of Elder Purify, the Missionary Sermon was preached by Elder J. J. Finch of Raleigh.

At the conclusion of the Sermon, the claims of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, were briefly set forth by Elder J. J. Finch, and a public collection taken up, amounting to the sum $28,50 cts. Elder S. Wait, preached at the same hour in the Presbyterian Church which was kindly tendered for that purpose.

In the afternoon, at 3 o'clock, the Communion of the Lord's supper was administered to a large number of communicants, by Elders Wait, and Finch. Elder S. Pleasent preached at the same hour in the Presbyterian Church. At night Elder S. Wait, preached in the Baptist Church. The Congregations were large and attentive

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Monday morning, 9 o'clock.

The association met according to adjournment, and the exercises were opened after singing, with prayer by Elder J. J. Finch.

Brother Thomas A. Chapell, from the Dan River Association, presented copies of Minutes of that body, certifying his appointment as a Correspondent, and brother, Griffith Dickerson, from the Roanoke Association, also presented copies of the Minutes of that body certifying his appointment as a Correspondent, both of them were invited to take seats with us.

Brother George W. Thompson, Agent of the Wake Forrest College, from the Raleigh Association, was announced as being in attendance, by brother John Kerr, and was cordially invited to a seat with us.

Brother Thomas H. Nelson, from the Mill Creek Church, and Barzillia Graves, from the Milton Church, the alternate of brother W. A. Thomas, appeared and took their seats.

Brother John Kerr, from the Committee on the North Carolina Baptist State Convention made a report which was sustained by Elder J. J. Finch, unanimously adopted by the Association, and ordered to be published with the Minutes. (See Appendix, letter B.)

Elder J. J. James, from the Committee on Sabbath Schools, made a report which was read and adopted and ordered to be published in the Minutes. (See letter C.)

On motion, of Elder J. J. James, a Committee was appointed to nominate Delegates, to the next session of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention. Elder J. J. James, John Kerr, James Kerr, William Russell and B. Graves, were appointed to that Committee.

Brother Calvin Graves, from the Committee of Finance, made a report which was read and adopted by the Association.

Brother E. W. West, from the Committee on Education made a report which was read, and, on motion of Brother John Kerr, unanimously adopted by the Association, and ordered to be published with the Minutes. (See Appendix, letter D.)

The following persons were appointed, to compose the Board of Managers, for the ensuing year, to wit:

Beulah Church, Addison Morgan, *Cane Creek*, Thomas D. Oldham, *Clement*, Stephen Wilkerson, *Ephesus*, Samuel R. Woody, *Hogans Creek*, Andrew Martin, *Kerrs Chapel*, James Kerr, *Leaksville*, David Smith, *Mars Hill*, John Redding, *Milton*, N. J. Palmer, *Mill Creek*, John W. Hart, *Madison*, J. M. Lindsay, *Trinity*, Calvin Graves, and *Yanceyville*, Thomas J. Valentine.

The following were appointed Delegates to the North Carolina Baptist State Conventon: Elders Elias Dodson J. J. James, Samuel Wait, John Robertson, and Zachariah Neal, Thomas D. Oldham, N. J. Palmer, John Kerr, Orrin Wallace, Augustin Timberlake, Josiah Settle, Thomas W. Graves, T. F. Faucett, Barzillai Graves, Simon Gentry, J. M. Lindsay, Thomas J. Valentine, A Graves, jr., Joseph J. Yarbrough, William A. Whitfield. E. W. West, William Russell, Robert W. Lawson, Sidney S. Lea, Phillip Hodnett, B. Patillo, Sidney Whitted, T. H. Nelson, John Redding, Dr. M. H. Howard Christopher Brooks.

The Delegates attending the meeting were authorized to supply vacancies in their number.

On motion, an invitation was extended to George W. Thompson, the Agent of Wake Forrest College, to address the Association on the subject of his Agency, which was accepted on his part; when he addressed the Association in relation to the present situation, the wants and prospects of the Institution. Brethren Calvin Graves, J. J. James, John Kerr, J. J. Finch, and E. W. West, also addressed the Association. After which pledges or subscriptions were made to the amount of six hundred dollars, towards relieving the College from debt.

On motion, the Standing Presbytery of the last year were re-appointed, with the addition of Elder Samuel Wait.

On motion, of Brother John Kerr,

Resolved, That during the ensuing year our Domestic Missionary be instructed to labor chiefly in the Counties of Stokes, Rockingham, Guilford, and Surry, and that he direct his attention specially to such portions of the last named counties as are comparatively destitute of the means of having the Gospel.

The Report of Elder Elias Dodson the Missionary of the Association, was called for and read by him. It was received by the Association and ordered to be published with the Minutes. (See Appendix, letter E.)

The following Correspondents were appointed to neighboring Associations.

To *Sandy Creek*, Elder G. W. Purify, S. Whitted, J. Moore, and T. D. Faucett.

Roanoke, Elders J. J. James, Elias Dodson, and John Kerr, Calvin Graves, N. J. Palmer, E. W. West, T. J Valentine, and B. Patillo.

Raleigh, Elder G. W. Purify, S. Wait, T. D. Oldham, William A. Whitfield, and B. Patillo.

Flat River, Elder S. Pleasant, Thomas King, J. J. James, G. W. Purify, and brethren N. J. Palmer, E. W. West, S. Gentry and J. F. Neal.

Dan River, Elder J. J. James, T. J. Valentine, N. J. Palmer, E. W. West, S. S. Lea, and Joseph J. Yarbrough.

Strawberry, Elders J. Robertson, Elias Dodson, Z. Neal, and Milton Stamps.

On motion, the late clerk was allowed ten Dollars for his services the past year.

On motion, the Association unanimously agreed to recommend the appointment by the North Carolina Baptist State Convention of Elder Elias Dodson, as the Missionary of the ensuing year, pledging themselves to provide for his support.

On motion, Ordered that six hundred copies of the Minutes be printed and distributed under the direction of the clerk and that he be allowed ten Dollars for his services.

On motion, of brother John Kerr, *Resolved unanimously*, That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to the citizens of Milton and vicinity for the cordial hospitality with which the members of the Association and visitors have been entertained during the present session.

Resolved further, That we appreciate, highly, the Christain courtesy of our Presbyterian brethren, in tendering to us the use of their house of Worship.

The Association having disposed of all the business before it agreed to adjourn *sine die*. The Moderator made a feeling and appropriate address to the members, alluding to the great harmony and good feeling and unanimity that characterized their deliberations. After singing and prayer the Association adjourned to meet with the Church at Hogans Creek in Rockingham County, on Friday before the first Sabbath in August, 1847.

STEPHEN PLEASANT, *Moderator*.

Attest, N. J. Palmer, *Clerk*.

[Letter A.]—Report of the Board of Managers.

The Board of managers of the Beulah Association, in performing one of the duties assigned them of presenting a faithful report of all their proceedings, and also of recommending any measures of interest or importance to the consideration of the Association, beg leave to offer this their first annual Report.

All the business committed to your Board at the last meeting of the Association, hss been duly attened to. The proposed arrangement, to be made with our State Convention, in reference to the appointment of our Missionary by that body, to labor within the bounds of this Association, was effected without difficulty, and he was accordingly appointed on the conditions specified in the instructions given to your Board. A Committee was also appointed by your Board, at its meeting in Yanceyville, in November last, to consult and advise with our Missionary, in reference to the most important points for labor, and the best manner of conducting his labors.

Our Missionary has, during the past Associational year, toiled with his accustomed zeal and fidelity in the field which has been assigned him. His labors have been attended with as much success as could have been reasonably expected. He has been chiefly occupied in laboring in the Western portion of the Associational district, as that was thought to be the most interesting part of his field. For a particular account of what he has been enabled to do in the way of preaching, colpourtage, establishing Sunday Schools, Bible classes, &c., the Association is referred to his own written report.

As a matter of interest, in which your Board have felt a deep concern, they are constrained to advert to the present state of religion among us. Although some of the churches, as is believed, have recently enjoyed somewhat of a refreshing season, yet, as a general truth, coldness and apathy have prevailed to an unhappy extent. Nor has this alarming indifference to the subject of religion been confined to this section of the Country alone; but throughout our whole land it has for several years been the subject of painful remark, by all denominations of evangelical christians. Seldom has there been a perriod in the history of American churches, when so universal an indifference was apparent among all classes of men in regard to the great concerns of the soul. The judgments of the Lord also have appeared to be hanging over Zion. Under such a state of things should it not be expected that the cry of all the Lord's children would be heard in fervent supplications for an out pouring of the Holy Spirit! and should not each one of them with deep penitence adopt the language of the trembling Prophet: "O Lord! I heard thy speech and was affraid: O Lord revive thy work in the midst of the years; in the midst of the years make known, in wrath remember mercy." As this subject is one, which deeply affects the interest of Zion and the salvation of sinners, it is anxiously submitted to the serious consideration of the Association; with the recommendation that an early day may be set apart to be observed by all our churches as a day of humiliation, fasting and prayer. It is also suggested whether an interchange of ministeral labor among the pastors of our churches would not be attended with happy results.

The S. School Institution, which it is hoped is advancing among us, deserves more of our attention than it has yet received. Its true value to the rising generation has not yet been fully understood. In all christian congregations, the young ought te be instructed every Sabbath in the scriptures of eternal truth. Your Board would respectfully submit whether the cause of S. School instruction among us would not be greatly promoted by the formation of a S. School and Publication Society, the object of which would be to furnish the S. Schools with a better supply of suitable Books. Similar Societies have in other places done much towards calling attention to this important subject, and perhaps nothing would contribute more in engaging in our S. Schools the constant attendance of both Teachers and Pupils.

The cause of Education has not heretofore been sufficiently cherished by us as a denomination. We have trusted too much to the industry and perseverance of others for the education of our children. We have had but few schools and these have not been well sustained. Wake Forest, which is the only College we have in this State, has not been liberally supported. It is gratifying however to know that its prospects at present are more encouraging than they have been for several years past, such as respects patronage and the liquidation of its debts. It is sincerely hoped that a vigorous and united effort will be shortly made by its friends which will entirely relieve it from its pecuniary embarrassments.

It is with peculiar pleasure that your Board bring to the notice of this body an Institution which has been recently established in connexion with one of the Churches of this Association. This Institution is located at Trinity Church, 12 miles west of Yanceyville. It is designed to be a School of high literary character, intended thoroughly to prepare youth for entering our Colleges and Universities, and also to give to such as wish it, a practical and liberal English education. It has thus far prospered beyond the expectation of its friends. This school is decidedly a Baptist institution, having been gotten up by them. But while it is strictly such and looks to them mainly for support, it is established on the most liberal principles, and disclaims all intention of being sectarian in its Instruction

A Female School has also been recently opened in the immediate vicinity of the same Church (Trinity.) It is designed to place it under the same board of Trustees and to conduct it on the same liberal principles of the other.

With emotions of peculiar interest and gratification your board would allude to the Convention of Baptists recently held in Richmond Va. Two of its members were in attendance as Delegates of the N. C. Baptist State Convention. It is be ieved that the counsels and deliberations of that meeting will exert a most important nfluence towards calling forth the efforts and concentrating the energies of Southern Baptists in the great and noble work of Domestic and Foreign Missions.

Our State Convention with which this body annually corresponds deserves a nore liberal support than we have yet given it. To this Institution we are indebt-d for the principal bond of union and communication among Baptists in N. C., and ur notoriety and respectability with others is made more through the proceedings f that body than in any other way. Our convention is a noble and benevolent Institution: let us therefore cherish it by our prayers and our contributions. Having lluded to some of the principal subjects which should engage our attention in the ause of our Divine Redeemer, your board would earnestly commend them to the stering care of all our Churches.

In concluding their report it is with mingled emotions that this board have to re-ord the death of one of its members, brother Gaulding; an active, devoted, and ifluential member of the Leaksville Church. In this sudden and unexpected eath, we are all admonished to be more faithful in laboring "while it is called to-ay."

JAMES KERR, Chairman,

[Letter B]

Report of the Committee on the Baptist State Convention.

The committee on the Baptist State Convention, beg leave to

REPORT.

That for a period of nearly sixteen years, this institution has been in existence, nd has been the instrument of accomplishing great good to our denomination.

Under its fostering care, the College at Wake Forest has been sustained, and the ghts of education been diffused throughout our Church.

The Foreign Missionary interprize has also received its constant attention, and hat has been done by us as a people to sustain this great movement of Christian enevolence, has been performed through the agency of this institution, and of our mestic Missionary—it may be stated that they have been chiefly carried forward force of the impulse given to the movement by the establishment and the trans-tions of this body. But it is a source of deep regret, to be constrained to add, that otwsthstanding all that this institution has done and is still doing for us, it has therto been but very imperfectly sustained by the means and energies of our de-omination. There are a great number of Churches, we fear, in the State nominaly a missionary character, who yet withhold their countenance and aid from this in-tution—some from sheer negligence of duty, whereby they remain ignorant of the erations of the body, and, as a matter of course, feel no interest in its continuance d wellfare,—others from avarice, and others still from other motives, the Lord ows what. We do earnestly urge our brethren of all the Churches within the unds of this association, to wake up to a proper sense of their duty upon this sub-t, and to send at least one delegate to each session of the Convention. Each urch is entitled to a delegate, for every ten dollars contribution to the funds of the dy, and if every Church in the State exclusive of those under the influence of e leprosy of "Kehukeism," would contribute a sum sufficient to entitle them to t one delegate, a large amount of funds would thus flow into the treasury of the onvention, adequate to the payment of all its liabilities now existing, and to the extreme diffusion of education within our State, and of the Gospel of Peace a home and abroad. Baptists, awake from your slumbers! Double your diligenc and zeal in the service of your Redeemer, and give back to Him some of that abundance which our Heavenly Father has bestowed upon you.

We respectfully refer our brethren to minutes of the convention, itself as annually published, and earnestly request that they be regularly perused; for, from tha source alone they can learn much that is important and interesting in regard to th operations of the body and the future prospects of our Church in this State

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[LETTER C.]

Report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report:

That they cannot employ language too strong in setting forth the claims of thi noble and philanthropic Institution. The Sabbath School is unquestionably one o the most important and promising departments of christian enterprise. Its past history like that of pure Christianity itself is but a history of good. Springing up i England about the same time and emanating from the same spirit which shon forth in the establishment of the modern Missionary enterprise, it has been the constant hand-maid to the Preaching of the Cross and the distribution of the word o life. In no one department of benevolence can so many Christians employ thei personal efforts in doing good; nor is there any enterprise in which all Christian may engage with such encouraging prospects of success.

Your Committe believe that something more ought to be done than has yet bee to carry out this most important Institution. They fully concur in the recommendation of your Board to organize a society for the purpose of furnishing a better supply of Books for the benefit of our S. Schools; and are thoroughly convinced tha each of the S. Schools by becoming connected with this Society, and making it th medium through which to obtain suitable Books would greatly promote its own prosperity. All of which is respectfully submitted. J. J. JAMES, *Chr'n.*

[LETTER D.]

Report of the Committee on Education,

The Committee on the subject of Education, would respectfully submit the following

REPORT.

The duty of educating the young, has been considered one of great importanc by the wise and good of all ages; and more than this, it is directly enforced by th Holy Scriptures. "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is ol he will not depart from it. Proverbs xiix.—6. "Also, that the soul be without knowledge, it is not good." Proverbs, xix—3. The mother, the christian mother, especially, should begin the work of instruction, with the opening infant mind, encourage and direct the first inquiries after truth; and teach to the little one somethin of God and his works.

Parents should consider it their duty to provide instruction, not less than food an clothing for their offspring.

Your committee believe, parents would consult the real wellfare of their childre if they would, in many cases, employ the means, used to decorate them in finery, o the property hoarded up for their future use, to give the advantages of a solid substantial education, an education that shall fit them for useful members of society and in the event of their conversion, for useful members of the Church of Christ This is not a work of benevolence. It is in each parents case, a work of stern duty for the discharge of which, he is responsible to his country, to the world, to th church, and, above all, to his God.

The christian parent is bound, not only to provide an instructor for his child, bu a suitable instructor; and he should ascertain, by presonal attention, whether the instruction be of proper character; whether there be connected with the intellectua training a moral and religous influence. For to cultivate the intellect, allowing a the same time, a sturdy growth of vice in the breast, is but to make a human being more powerful agent for evil.

In conclusion, we cordially agree with the views, and recommendations, of your board of Managers, upon the subject now under consideration.

In behalf of the Committee, E. W. WEST, *Chm'n.*

[LETTER E.]

Missionary's Report.

Since the last Association I have travelled 4,530 miles, preached 212 Sermons, and collected for the Association $27 85 cents. My sale of Books in the same time amounted to $104 27 cents, yielding a clear profit of $31, after paying the expense of transportation. This sum of nett profit belongs to the Association, and will assist in the liquidation of my salary.

For the Christian Review I have obtained five subscribers, and for the Biblical Recorder 21. Last winter I purchased the old Court House, at Hillsborough, the dimensions of which are 25 by 50. In January a number of men from Orange, Chatham and Hillsborough, met and moved it entire from its former site to its present position. Captain Berry, of Hillsborough, did everything which he could to assist in the arduous undertaking. His labor was all gratuitous. Brother Jones did much. Most of the men, excepting some whom I hired by the day to prepare the house for taking down and to work at the wheels, charged nothing for their services. Last winter it was turned into the present lot, and some few weeks since was moved by brother George W. Purify to its proper place.

Liabilities—House $75, Lot $100, Blacksmith work and hire of men, $55—— $230
Resources—Sister Washington paid for the lot, $100,
Sale of a work house on the lot, 22,
Subscriptions paid, 87,—209 209

Amount due, $21

The sum of $100 is now on the subscription and is not collected. Our resources, therefore, exceed our liabilities by $79. But pews, pulpit and gallery must be made, the house underpinned, and the lot enclosed. More money will be needed and more will be given. The work will advance gradually to its consummation.

During last fall I had only one interesting protracted meeting and that was with brother Robertson. Every other was not blessed with conversions. Too frequently there is disposition to break up too soon,—*Brethren who are not willing to sacrifice time for the Lord, may not expect to receive his blessing.* In compliance with the request of the last Association, I have spent much of my time in the upper country. The following is a list of the protracted meetings which I held with brother Robertson. At most of the places we impressed upon the minds of the brethren the great impropriety of breaking them up too soon, when there was probability of doing good.

1st	Sunday in July,	Snow Creek, Stokes County,	3	converts,
2nd	"	Bruce's X Roads, Guilford,	1	"
3rd	"	Friendship, 5 miles North of Germanton,	18	"
4th	"	Hogan's Creek, Rockingham,	0	
1st	Sunday in August	Madison,	10	"
2nd	"	Leaksville,	4	"
3rd	"	Near Wentworth,	4	"
4th	"	Beulah (rainy weather,)	0	

THE BIBLICAL RECORDER should receive a more entensive circulation. This Association will never flourish till the members encourage this paper. Very few persons are unable to take this paper. If a man can pay $10 for the education of a child, he can pay $2 50 for a Family Newspaper. It is very strange that when people commence the work of retrenchment they cut off the most useful things and retain those which are the least useful. A man can save enough annually, by wearing plain apparel, to take a religious Newspaper. From seven years extensive observation I have observed that all those professors who were able and took no religious paper were deficient to some degree in biblical knowledge, in public spirit, and in all the benevolent enterprises which adorn the age. Who are the liberal supporters of Wake Forest; of Home Missions? They are either subscribers of the Recorder or of some other religious periodical.

Inasmuch as this country has been partially visited by the famine, pestilence and the sword, a day of fasting and prayer should be appointed. I cannot too earnestly recommend Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes for the rising generation. In the prosecution of every important undertaking more is to dreaded from the *indifference* of friends than from the *opposition* of enemies.

Finally, I would suggest that in the months of August and October, every year, the Ministers of this Association divide themselves into companies of two each, and *labor* for the salvation of souls.

ELIAS DODSON.

Beulah Bible Society.

Milton, N. C. September 19th, 1846.

The Beulah Bible Society, held its annual meeting in the Baptist Church, commencing at 2 o'clock, P. M. Calvin Graves, esq., the President, took the chair and called the Society to order.

An appropriate hymn was sung, and the Rev. Samuel Wait, opened the exercises by prayer.

The Constitution of the Society, with the proceedings of the last meeting, were read by the Secretary.

A report in relation to the purchase, of Bibles for the Society, and a letter from the General Agent, of the American and Foreign Bible Society, covering a bill of Bibles and Testaments was presented by the Secretary.

According to previous appointment, the Annual Address, before the Society, was delivered to a large and intelligent audience, by John Kerr, esq., of Yanceyville.

The following resolution was offered by N. J. Palmer, esq., of Milton.

Resolved, That the destitute in our country, should be forthwith supplied with the Word of Life, and that the Missionaries of the Cross in Foreign Lands, should be liberally furnished with the Sacred Scriptures, faithfully translated in the language of the people, to whom they are sent.

The resolution was seconded, by the Rev. J. J. Finch, Pastor of the Baptist Church in Raleigh, accompanied by a short, but very forcible Address. The Society was also addressed by the Rev. J. J. James, and the Rev. Lewis Du Pre, Agent of the American and Foreign Bible Society. The resolution was then unanimously adopted.

On motion, a committee consisting of the Rev. J. J. James, and E. W. West, were appointed to wait on the Congregation, and receive the names of members and contributors in aid of the funds of the Society.

A number of names were added to the list of members and contributions made to the amount of twelve Dollars and fifty cents.

The Society proceeded to the election of Officers, for the ensuing year, when Calvin Graves, esq., was unanimously re-elected President, Rev. J. J. James, Maj. James Kerr, and John Kerr, esq., Vice Presidents, and N. J. Palmer, Secretary and Treasurer.

On motion, the Rev. John L. Pritchard, of Danville, was requested to deliver the next annual Address before the Society.

The following persons were appointed distributing Agents of the Society: Beulah Church, Rev. Elias Dodson—Ephesus, Col. O. Faulkner—Mill Creek Simon Gentry esq.—Mars Hill, John Redding—Cane Creek, Thomas D. Oldham esq.—Milton, Rev. E. W. West—Yanceyville, T. J. Valentine—Trinity, John H. Lacey—Hogan's Creek, J. Settle esq.—Leaksville, Rev. John Robertson—Madison, Milton Stamps—Clement Thomas W. Gleen, and Kerr's Chapel, Capt. Hosea McNeil.

The above Agents are authorized to collect funds for the Society, and transmit them to the Secretary and Treasurer at Milton. In distributing Bibles and Testaments, they are first to attempt to sell them at cost, to the destitute, who, if they are unable to purchase, are to have them gratis.

On motion, the thanks of the Society were unanimously tendered to John Kerr, esq., for his able and excellent address delivered before them, and a copy of the same, requested for publication in the Biblical Recorder.

On motion, the Treasurer was directed to pay over the surplus of funds in his hands to the parent society, at its ensuing annual meeting in Raleigh.

The following persons were appointed delegates to the N. Carolina Baptist Bible Society to meet in Raleigh during the session of the Convention in Oct. Rev. S. Watt, J. J. James, E. W. West, J. Kerr, N. J. Palmer, and Wm. A. Whitfield, Esqrs., with power to supply vacancies in their number.

The proceedings of the Society were directed to be published with these minutes, at its own expense

After prayer by the Rev. J. J. Finch, the Society adjourned. C. GRAVES, Pres.

N. J. PALMER, Sec'y.

ASSOCIATION TREASURER'S REPORT.

To am't of funds in the hands of Elder G. W. Pa-[illegible], former Treas'r Asso Fund	24 80	
Home Mission Fund.	3.16—	$27.97
Rec'd from Committee of finance:		
For expenses of the Association	23.50	
For support Domestic Missionary	197 06	
Foreign Mission Fund,	4 00	
Education "	1 75—	226.31
Amount accounted for by Elder E. Dodson, Missionary of Asso for collections & profits on sale of books,		44.85
" of public collection on the Sabbath for the objects of the Convention,		28.50
		$327.63

(Total amount of assets,		$327 63)

Credit.

Paid for printing Minutes last year	20.00	
Paid Clerk for services last year.	10 00	
" " " this "	10 [illegible]	
Rev. E. Dodson, in ful. of 1 year's salary.	240 00	
Treasurer of the Convention, amount of Foreign Mission and Education fund.	5.75	
Rev. J. J. Finch, Agent of the Convention at the Association,	28 00—	314 2[illegible]
Balance in the hands of Treasurer,		$13 37

N. J. PALMER, Clk & Tr

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PROCEEDINGS.

Friday July 31st 1847.

The members of the Beulah Association met at Hogan's Creek Church in the County of Rockingham, N. C., pursuant to adjournment.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder Samuel Wait, agreeable to appointment, from second Corinthians, 4th chapter and 3rd verse; 'But if our gospel be hid it is hid to them which are lost.'

After the conclusion of the sermon the Association convened and its exercises were opened with the singing of the 587th hymn Virginia selection; 'Hail brethren, when together met; &c; prayer by the Rev. S. G. OBryan, of Warren.

Letters from the different churches were presented, when it appeared the following delegates were appointed:

Beulah—Elias Dodson, William Morgan.
Clement—Stephen Wilkinson, Joseph Coleman, Orrin Wallace.
Cane Creek.—Thomas Howard, Wyett Cate.
Ephesus—Solomon Smith, William M. Faulkner and Richard E. Bass.
Hogans Creek.—Andrew Martin, William Smith and John Williams.
Kerrs Chapel—James Kerr, Alanson Howard and Thomas W. Graves.
Leaksville—George H. Chaplain Joseph Covington and Josiah Martin.
Mar's Hill—John Redding, Archibald Strayhorn and Thomas S. Faucett.
Milton—N. J. Palmer, E. W. West, and T. S. Yarbrough.
Madisin—John M. Lindsay, Pleasant Webster and John M. New.
Mill Creek—Simon Gentry, John Buchanan and John M. Hunt,
Trinity—Thomas Settle, Calvin Graves and Robert W. Lawson.
Yanceyville—Matthew Dodson, Thomas J. Valentine and Philip Hodnett.
Mount Airy—John Robertson and Julius Terrell.
Judson—William C. Moore, Mathew R. Moore and William Francis
Friendship—Joseph Smith, Vincent Vaden and Alexander Biles.
Goodville—Isaac Oaks, Robert Jones and Robert Hutchings.

The following Ministers who were *ex officio* members of the association, appeared and answered to their names: Elders, Stephen Pleasant—Samuel Wait, J. J. James, John Robertson and Zachariah Neal. On motion, John M. New, was appointed assistant Clerk. Letters were read from Mount Airy, Frienship, and Goodwill Churches, constituted since the last association; and, on motion, they were received unanimously into the association, and the right-hand of fellowship extended to them by the Moderator. Correspondents from other associations were called for but none were in attendance. On motion, Ministering brethren were invited to seats in the association—when Elders C. B. Jeonett, of Petersburg, Va. from the Portsmouth association and elder S. G. O'Bryan from the Raleigh association, appeared and took their seats.

On motion, a Committee of Finance was appointed, consisting of brethren Philip Hodnett, Judge Settle, and John Redding.

On motion, a Committee of Arrangements was appointed consisting of Elder J. J. James John Robertson, Josiah Settle, with the Moderator, and Clerk.

On motion, a Committee consisting of Judge Settle, Rev. Z. Neal, with the deacons of this church, was appointed to arrange the religious exercises during the session of the Association.

On motion, the Association agreed to give way to a meeting of the Beulah Bible Society, to morrow, at two o'clock, P. M.

On motion, the Association adjourned until to-morrow at 9 o'clock. Prayer by the moderator.

After the adjournment of the Association the Board of Managers held a meeting, and then a sermon was preached by Rev. C. B. Jennett, of Petersburg, Va., from the 6th chap. of Luke and latter clause of the 13th verse, "Ye cannot serve God and Mammon."

Saturday Morning, July 31st, 1847.

The Association met according to adjournment, and its proceedings were opened by singing and prayer by brother T. J. Valentine.

After calling of the roll a letter was handed in from the Judson Church, by bro. Mathew R. Moore, one of its delegates, and read by the clerk. A verbal report was made by brethren John Robertson and J. J. James, two of the presbytery which had recently constituted that church with others, when, on motion, the said church was unanimously received into the Association, and the right hand of fellowship extended to the delegates by the Moderator.

The Report of the Committee of Arrangements was presented, read and adopted.

The Constitution and bye-laws were read by Elder J. J. James, and some pertinent remarks made by the moderator in relation to their observance, and for the members to avoid all personal reflections.

Letters from the different churches, composing this Association were then read

On motion, it was ordered that a public collection be taken up at 12 o'clock, to-morrow, after suitable remarks on the subject by one of the Ministers, and that the proceeds be equally divided between Foreign and Domestic Missions. Elder J. J. James was requested to bring the claims of these two objects to the notice of the Congregation.

On motion of Elder J. J. James, it was

Resolved, That this Association approve of the recent formation of the Southern Baptist Publication Society.

On motion of Rev. J. J. James, a Committee was appointed on the subject of Sabbath Schools. Committee consists of brethren T. J. Valentine, John Robertson and Julius Terrell.

On motion of N. J. Palmer, it was resolved that a committee be appointed on the best means of co operating with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention. Committee consists of brethren J. J. James, Thomas Settle, and John M. Lindsay.

On motion, it was resolved, that a Committee be appointed on Education. Said Committee to consist of brethren Samuel Wait, John Robertson and Th. W. Graves.

On motion, it was resolved, that a Committee be appointed on Foreigd Missions. Said Committee to consist of brethren N. J. Palmer, Matthew R. Moore and Robt. W Lawson.

Correspondents to sister associations were called upon to report, which was done as far as the Correspondents were present.

Delegates to the last meeting of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention were called upon to report, when Brother N. J. Palmer and others who attended made reports, and the appointment of Elder E Dodson, as Missionary of this Association, as requested, was announced as having been unanimously acceeded to by the Board of Managers of the Convention, also the appointment of Elder John Robbertson to labor with Brother Dodson in the Western section of the Association.

The Association proceeded to appoint Correspondents to sister Associations, when the following were appointed.

Sandy Creek.—George W. Purify, Thomas S. Faucett, Thomas D. Oldham.

Roanoke—Calvin Graves, Thomas J Valentine, N. J. Palmer, E. W. West, John Kerr, B. Graves, Alexis Howard.

Raleigh.—Samuel Wait, George W. Purify, Thomas D. Oldham.

Flat River—Elders S. Pleasant, S. Wait, T, .J Valentine, Simon Gentry, E. W. West.

Dan River—Barzillia Graves, Th. Yarbrough, Joseph J Yarbrough, N. J. Palmer,

Strawberry—John Robertson, Julius Terrell, Mathew R. Moore and J. M. New.

Liberty—Elder J. J. James, William Russel!, Aaron Barrow, Isaac Oaks.

Yadkin—J. J. James, John Robertson, Julius Terrell, Charles Whitlock, Felix Johnston, William Johnston.

The association then proceeded to appoint the time and place of the meeting of the next Association, when on motion it was unanimously agreed that the next Association be held with the Church at Clement Meeting House, Person County, N. C., commencing on Friday before the first Sunday in August next, Elder John Robertson was appointed to Preach the Introductory Sermon and Elder J. J. James, to Preach the Missionary Sermon.

On motion of Brother N. J Palmer, *Resolved,* That in consideration of the blessings of Almighty God, which has uniformly attended this Association since its organization, and that it has pleased Him recently to add to our number by the addition of four new churches, the Association agree to engage in prayer and thanksgiving to the Giver of all Good. The Rev. Samuel Wait led in prayer, after which some appropriate remarks were made by the Moderator and Elder Wait. The association then adjourned until Monday morning, 9 o'clock. Benediction by the Moderator.

The congregation in attendence, were addressed by the Rev. S. G, O'Bryan, Rev. J. J. James and Rev. Samuel Wait, in the order of their names.

The committee to arrange the Religious exercises of the meeting reported that Elders, William H. Jordan, C. B Jennett and Samuel Wait had been selected to preach on the Sabbath,

Saturday, August 1st 1847

The day being inclement, raining almost incessantly, but few were in attendance at the church. they were addressed from the sacred stand by Elder William H. Jordon from the 3rd Chapter of the Gospel according to St. John, 16th verse. 'For God, so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." He was followed by Elder Stephen Pleasant; in the absence of the other ministers appointed.

The exercises were closed by exhortations from Elder J. J. James, and J. Robertson.

The congregation was attentive to the word preached, and it is hoped it will be like the 'Bread cast upon the waters, to be seen after many days.'

Monday morning 9 o'clock A. M.

The Association met according to adjournment and its exercises were opened after singing and praying by Elders John Robertson and the moderator.

The roll of members was called and the proceedings of Saturday were read by the Clerk.

Elder William H. Jordan, Agent Wake Forest College, and Rev. J. L Prichard from the Roanoke Association, appeared, and were affectionately invited to take seats in the Association.

Brother Thomas J. Valentine from the committee of Sabbath Schools made a report, which, after a few remarks by Brother Robertson was adopted and ordered to be published with the minutes. (See appendix, letter A.

Elder J. J. James, from the Committee of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention made a report which was read and, after remarks by Brother N. J. Palmer, and Elder W. H. Jordan, the report was adopted and ordered to be published. (See letter B.)

Brother Calvin Graves, from the committee on Education, made a report which was, after remarks by the Chairman, J. J. James, J. L. Prichard, E. Dodson, N. J. Palmer and S. Pleasant, adopted, and ordered to be published. (See letter C.)

Brother Thomas W. Graves, in the absence of Elder Wait from the Committe of Domestic Missions made a report which was read, and after remarks by Brethren John Robertson, Matthew R. Moore, P. Hodnett, Elias Dodson T. W. Graves, C. Graves, Stephen Wilkenson, J. L. Prichard, Nath'l. J. Palmer, J. J. James and S. Pleasant, was unanimously adopted and ordered to be published. [See letter D.]

Elder Elias Dodson, Missionary of the Association, appeared and took his seat.

The Committee on Foreign Missions made a report through N. J. Palmer the Chairman which was read, and after remarks by Elder J. J. James, the report was adopted and ordered to be published in the Minutes. (See letter E.)

The following resolutions were submitted by Brother N. J. Palmer and unanimously adopted:

Resolved—That the Biblical Recorder, published by Elder Thomas Meredith, at Raleigh N. C., which is the organ of the Baptist denomination in North Carolina, and the Missionary Journal, published in the city of Richmond, Va, under the direction of the Foreign and Home Missions Boards, be earnestly recommended to the patronage of the churches composing this Association.

Resolved—That the Missionary of this association and the Members and Deacons of the Churches are hereby requested to procure and transmit the names of new subscribers to these publications.

The Committe of Finance made a report which was read and after amendments or additions was adopted and the committee discharged. See Treasurer's report.

Rev. Elias Dodson, the Missionary of the N. Carolina Baptist State convention, for this Association being called upon, made his Annual report, which, after remarks by Elder J. L. Prichard, T. J Valentine, N. J. Palmer and Thomas W Graves, was amended and adopted. (See Appendix, Letter F.)

On motion, the Delegates from this association to the next Baptist State Convention were requested to ask the re-appointment of Elder Elias Dodson, as the Missionary of this association, pledging themselves for his support. Elder Dodson voluntarily proposes and agrees to reduce his salary to $200 per annum—The Association having no interest in the sale of Books by him.

On motion, of Brother Julius Terrill, the first Saturday of next October was set apart to be observed by all the Churches as a day of fasting, humiliation, prayer and thanksgiving to Almighty God, for his mercies and blessings and for the prosperity of His Zion.

The following persons were appointed Delegates to represent the Association at the next session of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, to be held with the Frienship Church, Cumberland County, N. C. commencing Thursday before the 3rd Sabbath in October next: Judge Thomas Settle, J. J. James, Z. Neal, Azariah Graves, jr., P. H. Neal, R. W. Lawson, Calvin Craves, John Kerr, N. J. Palmer, Elias Dodson, E W, West, George W. Purify, Thomas J. Valentine, John Robertson, Matthew R. Moore Thomas S. Yarbrough, Felix Johnston, Sidney S. Lea, Albert Patillo, William Russell, Thomas W. Graves, Joon M. New, Thomas D. Oldham, and John Redding.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

The following persons were selected to compose the Board of Managers.

Beulah Church—Wm, Morgan,
Clement—Stephen Wilkinson,
Cane Creek—Sidney Whitted,
Ephesus—Wm. M. Faulkner,
Hogans Creek—Josiah Settle,
Kerr's Chapel—James Kerr,
Leaksville—Absalom Burns,
Mars Hill—John Redding,
Milton—N. J. Palmer,
Madison—J. M. New,
Mill Creek—J. Buckhanon,
Trinity—Calvin Graves,
Yanceyville—T. J. Valentine.
Mount Airy—Charles Whitted,
Frienship—Joseph Smith,
Judson—Matthew R. Moore.
Goodwill—Isaac Oaks.

On motion, it was ordered that the Presbytery of last year be re-appointed, consisting of Elders Pleasant, Wait James, Dodson, Robertson, Neal and T. King.

On motion, it was ordered that 600 copies of the Minutes be printed and distributed under the direction of clerk and that he have the usual allowance for his services.

On motion, an invitation was extended to Elder Wm. H. Jordan Agent of Wake Forest College, to address the Congregation and members of the Associations, on the subject of his Agency.

The Association having gone through with its business, on motion it adjourned to meet at the time and place as selected in the proceedings of Saturday: The members united in singing the Hymn beginning, 'Blest be the tie that binds,' &c. Prayer by Elder Elias Dodson. Thus closed a meeting in which great harmony, union, and good feeling prevailed.

A large Congregtaion were addressed from the Stand in the Grove, by Elders,

C. B. Jewett, Wm. H. Jordan and John L. Prichard, the service closed with a short address by Elder Jordan in relation to Wake Forest College.

Attest, STEPHEN PLEASANT, *Moderator.*

N. J. PALMER, Clerk,

Note. As but a few of the Churches handed in their letters containing an historical account of their organization, &c. The clerk has not published as he intended a brief statement from each, hoping that in their next letters those who have now failed will comply with the request,

APPENDIX—A.

Report upon Sabbath Schools,

The committee appointed to make a report upon the subject of Sunday Schools, beg leave to submit the following:

From the limited means with which your committee has been favored since their appointment, they have been unable to gather much upon the subject which might interest the friends of Sabbath Schools, They find from the letters sent up to this Association, together with conversations they have had with the various delegates, that there is a good degree of interest still manifested in this department of Christain labour; and yet we are very far behind what it is our duty and privilege to be in imparting instruction to the rising generations upon the Lord's day. Your Committee are glad to know that our missionaries have been very active in the formation of Schools wherever it was thought such schools would tend to promote the great cause in which we all are engaged. There are within the bounds of the four new Churches received at this meeting, four schools in prosperous circumstances—this fact, of itself, should shame some of our older churches for the negligence displayed upon this all important subject. In addition to the schools already alluded to, there are some six or seven other schools under our care, when there should be one connected with every Church. Before closing this report they would most affectionately urge it upon the several Churches to take hold of this matter and come up to the work in very good earnest—to do which let us remember how the great head of the Church which has seen fit. in days past, to prosper and bless the efforts of his people, put forth in aid of this noble enterprise. Let us recollect that it is to well conducted Sabbath Schools the Church, in a great measure, must look for its future support and prosperity. Then Brethren, let us foster these institutions—let us feel our individual responsibility in the matter—then and not till then shall they prove powerful helps in the cause of our common christianity. All of which is respectfully submitted. THOMAS J. VALENTINE, *Chairman.*

(B.)

Report of the Committee on the North Carolina Baptist State Convention.

The Committee, on the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, Report :

That this Institution is in successful operation; and its resources for carrying forward its plans of benevolence for the present year are nearly double those of the year previous. Its importance as an Institution of Philanthropy and benevofence is becoming better understood by all classes, and its facilities for enlarged usefulness are rapidly increasing. Its energies are still employed in promoting the same objects for which it was organized 17 years ago, to wit: The education of the rising ministry, the supply of the destitute with the preaching of the gospel within the limits of the State, and the promotion of Foreign Missions. The Report of the Board at its last Session presented interesting facts on each of these departments. The Convention has now under its patronage a number of Missionaries and Beneficieries; besides an interest in Foreign Missions. At its last session Mr. M T Yates was set apart as a Missionary to China, and has since sailed with his companion for that distant field,

For the happy effects of the Convention on our denominational prosperity, we have to refer to the improvement of our Ministry. the increase of our churches, and the christian interchange which is encouarged in its annual meetings.

Your Committee would recommend that this Association continue to cherish a lively sense of the importance of our convention, & that as large a delegation as possible from this body be sent to its next annual meeting. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. J. JAMES, Chairman.

(C·)

Report of the Committee on Education.

The Committee on Education respectfully Report:

That in their opinion, an argument at this day, to prove the importance of popular Education would be a work of superreogation, That the rays of the sun are indispensible to the perfect development of vegetation, and are necessary to the life, vigor and animation of human beings, are truths which no one requires to be demonstrated. Equally selfe vident, with these propositions, is that which affirms the indispensibility of Education to the prosperity and happines of all communities of persons, civil and Religious.

The obligations resting upon parents relative to the educatiou of their children are truly and forcibly exhibited in the report of the committee on Education of the last session of this Association, to which your committee now refer, and to which they invite attention·

Your committee would invite further attention to the importance of building up schools for the instruction of the children of our own denomination.

There is no class of Christians known in our country whose interests so imperiously demand the establishment of schools of their own as do the Baptists. They occupy in reference to sectarian instructions, a position infinitely more elevated than that of other Christian demoninations of their acquaintance, who shape their religious instruction with the design to inculcate sectarian principles and peculiarities. The Baptists; while they urge the vital importance of instruction, in the schools, on the great fundamental principles of the Christian system, do not accord to teachers in schools, the right to form, shape and control the minds of their pupils, in relation to those points which constitute the badges of distinction amongst the respective christian denominations of our country.

As a matter of defence then, to our children, against the power of the sectarian machinery too frequently brought to bear in denominational schools, it behoves us to rear our own intitutions, where our own children, and the children of those parents who are willing to trust the interpretation of the Bible to the unbiased judgement of enlightened minds, may be free to lay open their understanding to the power and influence of simple truth.

SAMUEL WAIT, Chairman,

and then a sermon was preached by Rev. C. B. Jennett, of Petersburg, Va., from the 6th chap. of Luke and latter clause of the 13th verse, "Ye cannot serve God and Mammon."

Saturday Morning, July ~~31st~~, 1847.

The Association met according to adjournment, and its proceedings were opened by singing and prayer by brother T. J. Valentine.

After calling of the roll a letter was handed in from the Judson Church, by bro. Mathew R. Moore, one of its delegates, and read by the clerk. A verbal report was made by brethren John Robertson and J. J. James, two of the presbytery which had recently constituted that church with others, when, on motion, the said church was unanimously received into the Association, and the right hand of fellowship extended to the delegates by the Moderator.

The Report of the Committee of Arrangements was presented, read and adopted.

The Constitution and bye-laws were read by Elder J. J. James, and some pertinent remarks made by the moderator in relation to their observance, and for the members to avoid all personal reflections.

Letters from the different churches, composing this Association were then read

On motion, it was ordered that a public collection be taken up at 12 o'clock, tomorrow, after suitable remarks on the subject by one of the Ministers, and that the proceeds be equally divided between Foreign and Domestic Missions. Elder J. J. James was requested to bring the claims of these two objects to the notice of the Congregation.

On motion of Elder J. J. James, it was

Resolved, That this Association approve of the recent formation of the Southern Baptist Publication Society.

On motion of Rev. J. J. James, a Committee was appointed on the subject of Sabbath Schools. Committee consists of brethren T. J. Valentine, John Robertson and Julius Terrell.

On motion of N. J. Palmer, it was resolved that a committee be appointed on the best means of co-operating with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention. Committee consists of brethren J. J. James, Thomas Settle, and John M. Lindsay.

On motion, it was resolved, that a Committee be appointed on Education, Said Committee to consist of brethren Samuel Wait, John Robertson and Th. W. Graves.

On motion, it was resolved, that a Committee be appointed on Foreigd Missions. Said Committee to consist of brethren N. J. Palmer, Matthew R. Moore and Robt. W Lawson.

Correspondents to sister associations were called upon to report, which was done as far as the Correspondents were present.

Delegates to the last meeting of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention were called upon to report, when Brother N. J. Palmer and others who attended made reports, and the appointment of Elder E Dodson, as Missionary of this Association, as requested, was announced as having been unanimously acceeded to by the Board of Managers of the Convention, also the appointment of Elder John Robbertson to labor with Brother Dodson in the Western section of the Association.

The Association proceeded to appoint Correspondents to sister Associations, when the following were appointed.

Sandy Creek.—George W. Purify, Thomas S. Faucett, Thomas D. Oldham.

Roanoke—Calvin Graves, Thomas J Valentine, N. J. Palmer, E. W. West, John Kerr, B. Graves, Alexis Howard.

Raleigh.—Samuel Wait, George W. Purify, Thomas D. Oldham.

Flat River—Elders S. Pleasant, S. Wait, T, .J Valentine, Simon Gentry, E. W. West.

Dan River—Barzillia Graves, Th. Yarbrough, Joseph J Yarbrough, N. J. Palmer,

Strawberry—John Robertson, Julius Terrell, Mathew R. Moore and J. M. New.

Liberty—Elder J. J. James, William Russell, Aaron Barrow, Isaac Oaks.

Yadkin—J. J. James, John Robertson, Julius Terrell, Charles Whitlock, Felix Johnston, William Johnston.

PROCEEDINGS.

Friday July **31st 1847.**

The members of the Beulah Association met at Hogan's Creek Church in the County of Rockingham, N. C., pursuant to adjournment.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder Samuel Wait, agreeable to appointment, from second Corinthians, 4th chapter and 3rd verse; 'But if our gospel be hid it is hid to them which are lost.'

After the conclusion of the sermon the Association convened and it's exercises were opened with the singing of the 587th hymn Virginia selection; 'Hail brethren, when together met; &c; prayer by the Rev. S. G. OBryan, of Warren.

Letters from the different churches were presented, when it appeared the following delegates were appointed:

Beulah—Elias Dodson, William Morgan.
Clement—Stephen Wilkinson, Joseph Coleman, Orrin Wallace.
Cane Creek.—Thomas Howard, Wyett Cate
Ephesus—Solomon Smith, William M. Faulkner and Richard E. Bass.
Hogans Creek —Andrew Martin, William Smith and John Williams.
Kerrs Chapel—James Kerr, Alanson Howard and Thomas W. Graves.
Leaksville—George H. Chaplain Joseph Covington and Josiah Martin.
Mar's Hill—John Redding, Archibald Stravhorn and Thomas S. Faucett.
Milton—N J. Palmer, E. W. West, and T. S. Yarbrough.
Madisin—John M. Lindsay, Pleasant Webster and John M. New.
Mill Creek—Simon Gentry, John Buchanan and John M. Hunt,
Trinity—Thomas Settle, Calvin Graves and Robert W. Lawson.
Yanceyville—Matthew Dodson, Thomas J. Valentine and Philip Hodnett.
Mount Airy—John Robertson and Julius Terrell.
Judson—William C. Moore, Mathew R. Moore and William Francis
Friendship—Joseph Smith, Vincent Vaden and Alexander Biles.
Goodville—Isaac Oaks, Robert Jones and Robert Hutchings.

The following Ministers who were *ex officio* members of the association, appeared and answered to their names: Elders, Stephen Pleasant—Samuel Wait, J. J. James, John Robertson and Zachariah Neal. On motion, John M. New, was appointed assistant Clerk. Letters were read from Mount Airy, Frienship, and Goodwill Churches, constituted since the last association; and, on motion, they were received unanimously into the association, and the right-hand of fellowship extended to them by the Moderator. Correspondents from other associations were called for but none were in attendance. On motion, Ministering brethren were invited to seats in the association—when Elders C B. Jennett, of Petersburg, Va. from the Portsmouth association and elder S. G. O'Bryan from the Raleigh association, appeared and took their seats.

On motion, a Committee of Finance was appointed, consisting of brethren Phillip Hodnett, Judge Settle, and John Redding.

On motion, a Committee of Arrangements was appointed consisting of Elder J. J. James John Robertson, Josiah Settle, with the Moderator, and Clerk.

On motion, a Committee consisting of Judge Settle, Rev. Z. Neal, with the deacons of this church, was appointed to arrange the religious exercises during the session of the Association.

On motion, the Association agreed to give way to a meeting of the Beulah Bible Society, to morrow, at two o'clock, P. M.

On motion, the Association adjourned until to-morrow at 9 o'clock. Prayer by the moderator.

After the adjournment of the Association the Board of Managers held a meeting, The association then proceeded to appoint the time and place of the meeting of the next Association, when on motion it was unanimously agreed that the next Association be held with the Church at Clement Meeting House, Person County, N. C., commencing on Friday before the first Sunday in August next, Elder John Robertson was appointed to Preach the Introductory Sermon and Elder J. J. James, to Preach the Missionary Sermon.

On motion of Brother N. J. Palmer, *Resolved*, That in consideration of the blessings of Almighty God, which has uniformly attended this Association since its organization, and that it has pleased Him recently to add to our number by the addition of four new churches, the Association agree to engage in prayer and thanksgiving to the Giver of all Good. The Rev. Samuel Wait led in prayer, after which some appropriate remarks were made by the Moderator and Elder Wait. The association then adjourned until Monday morning, 9 o'clock. Benediction by the Moderator.

The congregation in attendence, were addressed by the Rev. S. G, O'Bryan, Rev' J. J. James and Rev. Samuel Wait, in the order of their names.

The committee to arrange the Religious exercises of the meeting reported that Elders, William H. Jordan, C. B. Jennett and Samuel Wait had been selected to preach on the Sabbath,

Saturday, August 1st 1847

The day being inclement, raining almost incessantly, but few were in attendance at the church. they were addressed from the sacred stand by Elder William H. Jordon from the 3rd Chapter of the Gospel according to St. John, 16th verse. "For God, so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." He was followed by Elder Stephen Pleasant; in the absence of the other ministers appointed.

The exercises were closed by exhortations from Elder J. J. James, and J. Robertson.

The congregation was attentive to the word preached, and it is hoped it will be like the 'Bread cast upon the waters, to be seen after many days.'

Monday morning, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Association met according to adjournment and its exercises were opened after singing and praying by Elders John Robertson and the moderator.

The roll of members was called and the proceedings of Saturday were read by the Clerk.

Elder William H. Jordan, Agent Wake Forest College, and Rev. J. L. Prichard from the Roanoke Association, appeared, and were affectionately invited to take seats in the Association.

Brother Thomas J. Valentine from the committee of Sabbath Schools made a report, which, after a few remarks by Brother Robertson was adopted and ordered to be published with the minutes. (See appendix, letter A.

Elder J. J. James, from the Committee of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention made a report which was read and, after remarks by Brother N. J. Palmer, and Elder W. H. Jordan, the report was adopted and ordered to be published. (See letter B.)

Brother Calvin Graves, from the committee on Education, made a report which was, after remarks by the Chairman, J. J. James, J. L. Prichard, E. Dodson, N. J. Palmer and S. Pleasant, adopted, and ordered to be published, (See letter C,)

Brother Thomas W. Graves, in the absence of Elder Wait from the Committe of Domestic Missions made a report which was read, and after remarks by Brethren John Robertson, Matthew R. Moore, P. Hodnett, Elias Dodson, T. W. Graves, C. Graves, Stephen Wilkenson, J. L. Prichard, Nath'l. J. Palmer, J. J. James and S. Pleasant, was unanimously adopted and ordered to be published. [See letter D,)

Elder Elias Dodson, Missionary of the Association, appeared and took his seat.

The Committee on Foreign Missions made a report through N. J. Palmer the Chairman which was read, and after remarks by Elder J. J. James, the report was adopted and ordered to be published in the Minutes. (See letter E.)

The following resolutions were submitted by Brother N. J. Palmer and unanimously adopted:

Resolved—That the Biblical Recorder, published by Elder Thomas Meredith, at Raleigh N. C., which is the organ of the Baptist denomination in North Carolina, and the Missionary Journal, published in the city of Richmond, Va, under the direction of the Foreign and Home Missions Boards, be earnestly recommended to the patronage of the churches composing this Association.

Resolved—That the Missionary of this association and the Members and Deacons of the Churches are hereby requested to procure and transmit the names of new subscribers to these publications.

The Committee of Finance made a report which was read and after amendments or additions was adopted and the committee discharged. See Treasurer's report.

Rev. Elias Dodson, the Missionary of the N. Carolina Baptist State convention, for this Association being called upon, made his Annual report, which, after remarks by Elder J. L. Prichard, T. J Valentine, N. J. Palmer and Thomas W Graves, was amended and adopted. (See Appendix, Letter F.)

On motion, the Delegates from this association to the next Baptist State Convention were requested to ask the re-appointment of Elder Elias Dodson, as the Missionary of this association, pledging themselves for his support. Elder Dodson voluntarily proposes and agrees to reduce his salary to $200 per annum—The Association having no interest in the sale of Books by him.

On motion, of Brother Julius Terrill, the first Saturday of next October was set apart to be observed by all the Churches as a day of fasting, humiliation, prayer and thanksgiving to Almighty God, for his mercies and blessings and for the prosperity of His Zion,

The following persons were appointed Delegates to represent the Association at the next session of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, to be held with the Frienship Church, Cumberland County, N. C. commencing Thursday before the 3rd Sabbath in October next: Judge Thomas Settle, J. J. James, Z. Neal, Azariah Graves, jr., P. H. Neal, R. W. Lawson, Calvin Craves, John Kerr, N. J. Palmer, Elias Dodson, E. W. West, George W. Purify, Thomas J. Valentine, John Robertson, Matthew R. Moore Thomas S. Yarbrough, Felix Johnston, Sidney S. Lea, Albert Patillo, William Russell, Thomas W. Graves, John M. New, Thomas D. Oldham, and John Redding.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

The following persons were selected to compose the Board of Managers.

Beulah Church—Wm. Morgan,
Clement—Stephen Wilkinson,
Cane Creek—Sidney Whitted,
Ephesus—Wm. M. Faulkner,
Hogans Creek—Josiah Settle,
Kerr's Chapel—James Kerr,
Leaksville—Absalom Burns,
Mars Hill—John Redding,
Milton—N. J. Palmer,
Madison—J M. New,
Mill Creek—J. Buckhanon,
Trinity—Calvin Graves,
Yanceyville—T. J. Valentine.
Mount Airy—Charles Whitted,
Frienship—Joseph Smith,
Judson—Matthew R. Moore.
Goodwill—Isaac Oaks.

On motion, it was ordered that the Presbytery of last year be re-appointed, consisting of Elders Pleasant, Wait, James, Dodson, Robertson, Neal and T. King.

On motion, it was ordered that 600 copies of the Minutes be printed and distributed under the direction of clerk and that he have the usual allowance for his services.

On motion, an invitation was extended to Elder Wm. H. Jordan Agent of Wake Forest College, to address the Congregation and members of the Associations, on the subject of his Agency.

The Association having gone through with its business, on motion it adjourned to meet at the time and place as selected in the proceedings of Saturday: The members united in singing the Hymn beginning, 'Blest be the tie that binds,' &c. Prayer by Elder Elias Dodson. Thus closed a meeting in which great harmony, union, and good feeling prevailed.

A large Congregtaion were addressed from the Stand in the Grove, by Elders,

C. B. Jenett, Wm. H. Jordan and John L. Prichard, the services closed with a short address by Elder Jordan in relation to Wake Forest College.

Attest, STEPHEN PLEASANT, *Moderator.*

N. J. PALMER, Clerk,

Note. As but a few of the Churches handed in their letters containing an historical account of their organization, &c. The clerk has not published as he intended a brief statement from each, hoping that in their next letters those who have now failed will comply with the request,

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APPENDIX—A.

Report upon Sabbath Schools,

The committee appointed to make a report upon the subject of Sunday Schools, beg leave to submit the following:

From the limited means with which your committee has been favored since their appointment, they have been unable to gather much upon the subject which might interest the friends of Sabbath Schools, They find from the letters sent up to this Association, together with conversations they have had with the various delegates, that there is a good degree of interest still manifested in this department of Christain labour; and yet we are very far behind what it is our duty and privilege to be in imparting instruction to the rising generations upon the Lord's day. Your Committee are glad to know that our missionaries have been very active in the formation of Schools wherever it was thought such schools would tend to promote the great cause in which we all are engaged. There are within the bounds of the four new Churches received at this meeting, four schools in prosperous circumstances—this fact, of itself, should shame some of our older churches for the negligence displayed upon this all important subject: In addition to the schools already alluded to, there are some six or seven other schools under our care, when there should be one connected with every Church. Before closing this report they would most affectionately urge it upon the several Churches to take hold of this matter and come up to the work in very good earnest—to do which let us remember how the great head of the Church which has seen fit. in days past, to prosper and bless the efforts of his people, put forth in aid of this noble enterprise. Let us recollect that it is to well conducted Sabbath Schools the Church, in a great measure, must look for its future support and prosperity. Then Brethren, let us foster these institutions—let us feel our individual responsibility in the matter—then and not till then shall they prove powerful helps in the cause of our common christianity. All of which is respectfully submitted, THOMAS J. VALENTINE, *Chairman.*

(B.)

Report of the Committee on the North Carolina Baptist State Convention.

The Committee, on the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, Report:

That this Institution is in successful operation; and its resources for carrying forward its plans of benevolence for the present year are nearly double those of the year previous. Its importance as an Institution of Philanthropy and benevolence is becoming better understood by all classes, and its facilities for enlarged usefulness are rapidly increasing. Its energies are still employed in promoting the same objects for which it was organized 17 years ago, to wit: The education of the rising ministry, the supply of the destitute with the preaching of the gospel within the limits of the State, and the promotion of Foreign Missions. The Report of the Board at its last Session presented interesting facts on each of these departments. The Convention has now under its patronage a number of Missionaries and Beneficieries; besides an interest in Foreign Missions. At its last session Mr. M T Yates was set apart as a Missionary to China, and has since sailed with his companion for that distant field,

For the happy effects of the Convention on our denominational prosperity, we have to refer to the improvement of our Ministry. the increase of our churches, and the christian interchange which is encouarged in its annual meetings.

Your Committee would recommend that this Association continue to cherish a lively sense of the importance of our convention, & that as large a delegation as possible from this body be sent to its next annual meeting· All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. J. JAMES, Chairman,

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Report of the Committee on Education.

The Committee on Education respectfully Report:

That in their opinion, an argument at this day, to prove the importance of popular Education would be a work of superreogation, That the rays of the sun are indispensible to the perfect development of vegetation, and are necessary to the life, vigor and animation of human beings, are truths which no one requires to be demonstrated. Equally selfe vident, with these propositions, is that which affirms the indispensibility of Education to the prosperity and happines of all communities of persons, civil and Religious.

The obligations resting upon parents relative to the education of their children are truly and forcibly exhibited in the report of the committee on Education of the last session of this Association, to which your committee now refer, and to which they invite attention·

Your committee would invite further attention to the importance of building up schools for the instruction of the children of our own denomination.

There is no class of Christians known in our country whose interests so imperiously demand the establishment of schools of their own as do the Baptists· They occupy in reference to sectarian instructions, a position infinitely more elevated than that of other Christian demoninations of their acquaintance, who shape their religious instruction with the design to inculcate sectarian principles and peculiarities, The Baptists; while they urge the vital importance of instruction, in the schools, on the great fundamental principles of the Christian system, do not accord to teachers in schools, the right to form, shape and control the minds of their pupils, in relation to those points which constitute the badges of distinction amongst the respective christian denominations of our country.

As a matter of defence then, to our children, against the power of the sectarian machinery too frequently brought to bear in denominational schools, it behoves us to rear our own intitutions, where our own children, and the children of those parents who are willing to trust the interpretation of the Bible to the unbiased judgement of enlightened minds, may be free to lay open their understanding to the power and influence of simple truth.

SAMUEL WAIT, Chairman,

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Committee on Home Missions ask leave to report:

They have had the subject committed to them under consideration. and given it as much attention as their limited opportunity would permit. In regard to the immense importance of Home Missions, it seems to your committee that there can be but one opinion in this Association. Four churches have been added to this body, at this anniversary. This, of itself, is a most interesting illustration of the great value of the subject now under consideration.

From the best information, the Committee has been able to obtain, they are satisfied, that, besides the churches that have been constituted, much has been done in the various sections, assisted by our Missionaries; to promote the interests of religion. And in the same connexion, they would state, that, they regard the home Missions, as under God, the main support of the Foreign Missions, and all the other benevolent institutions of the present day. They cannot, therefore, conclude this brief report, without earnestly recommending a continuance of the same measures hitherto pursued with so much success, within the bounds of this Association. All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAML. WAIT, Chairman.

(F.)

MISSIONARY'S REPORT.

Elder E. Dodson's Missionary's report:

Since the last association, I have travelled 3720 miles, preached 203 sermons, attended 13 protracted meetings, formed several Sabbath Schools, assisted in the constitution of 3 churches, and received $11 for the association. I have sold books to the amount of $130, the profits of which are $21, obtained 18 subscribers for the Biblical Recorder, 2 for the Christain Review, 1 for the Southern Baptist Missionary Journal. and 6 for the Indian Advocate. After lectures upon benevolence, I made public collections for Foreign Missions, and received at Leaksville $3,25, at Wentworth 76 cts., and at Beulah $5,32 cents. Why cannot good men do as much for the Lord now as they did in former days? Prov. 3:9, Gen. 14,20, Gen, 28,22, Lev. 27 30, Numbers, 18, Deut. 14 28, 2 Chron 31: Malachia, 3, 6. 12, Luke 10, 4 7. Acts 2. 44, 11, 28, 1 Cor. 9: 6-14, 2, Cor. 11: 8 9, Gal 6, 6, Phil. 4, 16, 1 Tim 5, 17, 18.

It would be too tedious to detail the history of protracted meetings. They were generally blessed. Rainy Days and small congregations, did not stop them if there was any probability of doing good. The world was not made in a day, and good protracted meetings are apt to be the work of time, Eccl. 11, 6, Gal. 6 9.

I regret that I have done so little for the Biblical Recorder, though I have been unremitting in my exertions. This association will never have permanent prosperity throughout its entire length and breadth till this paper has a more extensive circulation. I belive if a person were to travel throughout N. Carolina he would find the permanent friends of pastoral supports, of the Bible society; of Home and Foreign Missions, and of Wake Forest College, among the patrons of the Recorder or of some other religious newspaper.

Such persons are apt to read the bible more and understand it better, as they are thrown into regions of thought, and as the scriptures are frequently explained in such papers.

I believe our Sabbath schools are somewhat on the advance. They only want self-denying and public spirited members for permanent existence. I believe an ardent attachment to sabbath schools is one of the best tests for future usefulness in young members or in young ministers. The late Dr. Going of Ohio not only took a deep interest in prayer meetings when he was a young man. but he threw out his influence in the Sabbath schools. For the last 20 years of his life, there was not, perhaps, a more useful minister in the United States.

For a little class only 2 books are necessary, viz: Malcomb's Bible Dictionary, 50 cts. Lincoln's sabbath school class book, 12 1-2 cts. The other classes can have little books of small value. Prize tickets can be bought in Salem, N. C.

The Southern Baptist Missionary Journal is published monthly in Richmond Va. The present volume commenced in June 1847. At the end of the subscriptiona year the 12 numbers can be found in Salem N. C. for 50 cts. This paper should receive our support.

Wake Forest college should be extricated from debt. How many might giv hundreds to this school and other institutions and not give as much in proportion t their abilities as Abraham and Jacob gave to the Lord.

For time to come I hope we shall all do more, give more, pray more, and liv nearer to our heavenly Father. F. DODSON,

Report on Foreign Missions,—E

N. J. Palmer, from the Committee on Foreign Missions, Submitted the following Report:

That the cause of Foreign Missions should receive a larger, far larger, measure o our sympathy, prayers and contributions, must be evident to all. Language is inadequate to express the importance of the subject under consideration. Mind is to feeble to grasp its length and breadth. Could we find some position where to surve the career of a human soul through eternity, in weal or woe—multiply that one b many millions—realize that the gospel is the only means of human salvation—that thousands are hourly perishing for lack of the bread of life—We might begin to form a conception of the moral grandeur of the Missionary Enterprize. It ought to b enough to stir the heart of every disciple to remember the last words of the ascending Savior, "Go ye," &c. We would earnestly beseech our brethren to look o the field white for the harvest, and in view of eternity to ask each one for himsel What does God require of me, in view of the boundless blessings which I enjoy an hope for through the light of the gospel? What ought I to do for those who sit i the region and shadow of death? A most interesting portion of the foreign fiel seems assigned by Divine Providence to Southern Baptists. China, with its million —Africa with its degradation and ignorance, are alreadyentered by our Missionaries We have a few laborers among almost countless multitudes—a few lights in th darkness of death—a little seed in a corner of the moral field. Our laborers shoul be multiplied a hundred fold. To this end there must be more liberality, more zea more prayer—in a word, more of the spirit of the petition, "Thy Kingdom com thy will be done on earth as in heaven."

N. J. PALMER, Chairman.

August 2nd, 1847.

ASSOCIATION TREASURER'S REPORT—Contingent Fund,

1846 :	Balance in hand at the last report,	$13 37 1-
1847 :	Received from Churches this year,	32 37 1-
	Total,	45 75

CREDIT.

By amount paid C N. B. Evans, for printing Minutes of 1846,	$25 00	
Allowance to Clerk for services,	10 00	—35 00
Balance in the hands of Treasurer,		$10 75

Home Mission Fund.

1847 : To amount sent up to the Association from the different churches	187 30
Collected by Elder Elias Dodson,	11 00
Received by ditto for profits on Books sold, after deducting $20 for counterfeit money,	1 50
One half of the public collection at the Association on Monday,	7 90
	$207 70

R By amount paid Elder E. Dodson Missionary of the Association in full for services from the last to the present session, per rec't. 207 70

N. J. PALMER, Cl'k & T'r.

The amount contributed by Cane Creek Church for 1846 has not yet been receiv-d, but will be accounted for in the next report. Besides the foregoing there was ontributed for Foreign Missions and paid over to the Agent or Treasurer of the oreign Mission Board, as follows: Leaksville Church, $1 01—Beulah $5 32—ilton, $5 10.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

ATH'L J. PALMER, Treasurer of the Beulah Bible Society,
In account with the Society.

844—December—To amount received of Z. Neal, former Treasurer of the Society, by the hands of Rev. J. J. James,			$16 50
Cash received for four Bibles sold,			2 00
846—August—To cash received of Rev. Z. Neal, former Treusurer,			22 50
			$41 00
845—February—Credit by cash sent to Philadelphia for Bibles and Testaments,		20 00	
Postage,		10	
Carriage on same to Milton,		1 50	
846—August 29 h—By cash sent to Rev. I. M. Allen, N. Y., for Bibles and Testaments,	$25 00		
Paid premium on ditto,	20		
Cash paid carriage on box of Bibles and Testaments from New York,	1 75—	26 95 —	—48 55
Balance due N. J. Palmer, Treasurer,			$7 55

Bibles and Testaments have been distributed to the Churches at Mill Creek, Tri-ity, Yanceyville, Milton and Ephesus, and some have been given to the Rev. J. J. James, for the Missionary station at Greensborough. Balance distributed at the As-ociation.

N. J. PALMER, Treasurer.

July 31st, 1847

N. B. The amount of receipts at the Association, including $1 75 cents for Bibles sold, and $2 37 cents received from former Treasurer, is $21 02 cents, which, after deducting the balance due the Treasurer, as above, will leave a balance in hand of $16 47 cents.

N. J. P.

TABLE of members of Churches & amount of contributio

CHURCHES.	Received by Baptism.	Received by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded,	Deceased.	Total.	Association fund.	Domestic Mis-
Beulah,						10	1 00	4
Clement,					5	56	2 00	4
Cane Creek,		2		7	7	220	3 00	17
Ephesus,			3		2	130	2 00	13
Friendship,*	23	2				53	1 50	
Goodwill,*						40	1 50	
Hogan's Creek,	2		1	2		49	1 00	5
Judson,*						20	1 10	20
Kerr's Chapel,				1	1	30	1 50	11
Leaksville,	2	4	3	2	1	70	1 25	10
Madison,†	70	20	85		1	119	2 00	10
Mars' Hill,	2	1	1		1	95	2 00	8
Milton,	1	1	6	2		56	3 00	6
Mill Creek,		1	4	2	1	69	1 52	10
Mount Airy,*		1				11	1 00	
Trinity,	1	2	1	1		48	3 00	26
[illegible]	14		1	1	3	86	4 00	40
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	18	22	1162	32 37	187

*[illegible] for Foreign Missions, [illegible] ut of the Foreign Missi Board and will appear [illegible] Friendship, Goodwill, a Mount Airy, directed their contributions for Home Missions to be sent up to t Convention.

J. T. Alderman

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MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTEENTH SESSION

OF THE

BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT

CLEMENT M. H., PERSON COUNTY, N. C.

August 14--17, 1848.

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1848.

PROCEEDINGS, &c.

Clement M. H. Person county, Aug. 4th, 1848.

The members of the Beulah Association met according to adjournment, when in the absence of Elder John Robertson, appointed for that purpose, the Introductory sermon was preached, at the request of the Moderator, by Elder Samuel Wait, from 2 Tim. 1. 7. "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

After a short intermission the members again met, and the Association was called to order by Elder Stephen Pleasant, Moderator of the last Association. Religious services were conducted by Rev. Thomas Meredith of Wake.

The churches were then called by the Clerk, when their letters were presented; from which it appeared the following delegates were appointed:—

Beulah—Elder Elias Dodson and Brown Pleasant.

Clement—Joseph Coleman, Orrin Wallace, and Nath. Valliers.

Cane Creek—Wyatt Cate, T. D. Oldham, and Thomas J. Cate.

Ephesus—Obediah Faulkner, Soloman Smith, and William M Faulkner.

Friendship—Vincent P. Vaden and William Tedder.

Goodwill—Aaron Barrow, Isaac Cates, and G. D. S. Dejernett.

Hogan's Creek—Josia Settle, Andrew Master, and John Williams.

Judson—Julias Ferrell and Matthew R. Moore.

Kerr's Chapel—Hosea McNeil, Alonzo Howard, and T. M. Graves.

Leaksville—David Smith, A. H. Barnes, and G. H. Chaplain.

Mars Hill—John Redding, James M. Ward, and Alvis Durham.

Milton—Nathaniel J. Palmer, E. W. West, and Thomas S. Yarborough.

Madison—Richard Bingham and John Heggie.

Mill Creek—John W. Hunt, Robert B. Jones, and Thomas Nelson.

Mount Airy—John Robertson, Kimbrough Thompson, and Felix Johnson.

Trinity—Calvin Graves, Thomas Settle, Robert W. Lawson—William Russell, *Alternate.*

Yanceyville—Z. A. Patillo, Sidney S. Lea, and William Lea.

Ministers—Elders Samuel Wait, S. Pleasant, J. J. James, Zachariah Neal, Elias Dodson, Thomas King, John Robertson, D. G. Taylor, and Julius Ferrell.

The Clerk having announced that a majority of the delegates from all the churches were present, the Association proceeded to the choice of a Moderator, when Elder Stephen Pleasant was unanimously re-appointed.

Brother Thomas W. Glenn was appointed Assistant Clerk.

Correspondents from neighboring Associations were then invited to take seats with us, when William T. Walters, from the Roanoke, and Elder William Jones, Brother William H. Lawson, and R. D. Bumpass, from the Flat River Association, appeared and took their seats.

Visiting Ministers were then invited to take seats, when Elder Thomas Meredith from the Raleigh, and Elder C. B. Jennett from the Portsmouth Va. Association, were announced and invited to take seats in the Association.

On motion of brother Z. A. Patillo, it was ordered that the Moderator and Deacons of the Clement church, with brother T. M. Glenn, be appointed a Committee to arrange the religious exercises during the session of the Association.

On motion of brother N. J. Palmer, Z. A. Patillo, Sidney S. Lea, and William Lea, were appointed a committee of Finance.

On motion, the Moderator and Clerk, with Elder J. J. James, Hosea McNeil and William Lea, were appointed a Committee to arrange the order of business for the Association.

On motion the Association agreed to give place at two o'clock P. M. to-morrow, to the meeting of the Beulah Bible Society.

The Clerk read a letter of correspondence from the Yadkin Asciation, giving an encouraging account of the work of God within the bounds of that Association during the past year, resulting in a large accession to their list of members. Also expressing their feelings of fraternal regard for this Association. And was ordered to be placed among the papers of this Association, and the Moderator and Clerk were directed to write a suitable answer to their letter.

The following committees were then appointed:—

On Sabbath Schools—Elders C. B. Jennett, Z. Neal, and Z. A. Patillo.

On Education—Elders Thomas Meredith, Samuel Wait, and Elias Dodson.

North Carolina Baptist State Convention—Elder William Jones, R. B. Jones and Wm. M. Faulkner.

On Foreign Missions—Elders J. J. James, William Jones, and Sidney S. Lea.

On Publications and Periodicals—Nath. J. Palmer, Calvin Graves, and V. P. Vaden.

On motion, the Association then adjourned until to-morrow morning nine o'clock, preaching to commence at ten o'clock. Prayer by Elder C. B. Jennett.

Saturday morning, 9 *o'clock*, *A. M.*

The Association met according to adjournment, and its proceedings were opened, after religious services conducted by Elder Zachariah Neal.

After the call of the roll, and the reading of the Minutes of yesterday, the report of the Committee of Arrangements was presented by the Clerk, read and concurred in.

On motion of Elder J. J. James, it was ordered that the constitution of the Association and its rules of decorum be printed with the next Minutes.

Letters from the different churches belonging to the Association was read by the Clerk.

Correspondents to sister Associations were called upon to report, which was done as far as they were present.

The Report of the Delegates to the North Carolina Baptist State Convention was called for, when brother Nathaniel J. Palmer and Elder Joshua J. James, the only delegates that attended, made encouraging reports of the success and happy influence of the Convention. They also spoke with much regret that out of more than twenty delegates appointed, only two were found willing, and made it convenient, to attend.

The Association then proceeded to appoint correspondents to neighboring Associations, when the following appointments were made :—

To Sandy Creek Association, Elder George W. Purify, Thomas D. Oldham, Thomas J. Cate, and Thomas W. Graves.

To Roanoke, held Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in August,—Elders J. J. James, John Robertson, Z. A. Patillo, Azariah Graves jun., and Julius Ferrell.

Flat River, held Friday before second Sabbath in August,—Elders Samuel Wait, Stephen Pleasant, J. J. James, Thomas W. Glenn, N. J. Palmer, and John Pleasant.

To Dan River Association, held on Saturday after the 4th Sabbath in July,—B. Graves, E. W. West, N. J. Palmer, Robert B. Jones, and Wm. M. Faulkner.

Liberty Association, held Saturday before the third Sabbath in August—-Elder J. J. James, Isaac Cates, Julius Ferrell, Matthew R. Moore, and Thomas P. Vaden.

Raleigh Association, held on Saturday before the 4th Sabbath,—Elder G. W. Purify, Alvis Durham, and John Redding.

Yadkin Association, Felix Johnson, T. P. Vaden, Charles Whitlock, and Elders John Robertson and Julius Ferrell.

On account of the remoteness of its location, correspondence was discontinued with the Strawberry Association.

On motion, a Committee consisting of N. J. Palmer, J. J. James, and Hosea McNeil, were appointed to nominate Delegates to the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, and report on Monday.

A letter with Minutes, was received from the Moderator of the Liberty Association, which was ordered to be filed with the papers of the Association and the Moderator and Clerk directed to write a respectful answer to the same.

A letter was received from Elder John Robertson in relation to the destitution of the Churches within his field of labor, the necessity of his leaving that section of country on account of his health. The letter was, on motion, referred to a Committee, consisting of Elders Samuel Wait, J. J. James, and brethren Wm. Russell, Aaron Barrow, and V. P. Vaden.

The Association then proceeded to appoint the time and place of its next meeting; when, after remarks from different members, it was agreed that the next session of the Association be held with the arm of Friendship Church, at Mount Olive, Stokes County, North Carolina, commencing on Friday before the first Sabbath in August, 1849—Elder J. J. James, Elder S. Pleasant his alternate, was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Elder Samuel Wait, the Missionary Sermon.

On motion of brother N. J. Palmer, Elder William Jones, the General Agent of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, who was in attendance, was respectfully invited to make any communication to this body that he may think proper; whereupon bro. Jones came forward and addressed the Association on the subject of his agency.

On motion it was resolved, that a public collection be taken up to-morrow in behalf of Home Missions and Education, to be equally divided between the same, and that Elder Jones be requested to make some remarks on the occasion.

On motion, Elder J. J. James, Agent of Wake Forest College, now in attendance, was invited to address the Association on the subject of his Agency; who complied with that request. Remarks were also made by Elder S. Wait, and brethren N. J. Palmer, R. D. Bumpas, William Russell, and Sidney S. Lea, when pledges were made by three brethren to the amount of one hundred and fifty dollars on the Huffham plan.

Elder Elias Dodson, the Missionary of this Association, was called upon for his annual report, who thereupon proceeded and read the same, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee of Finance, and ordered to be published with the Minutes.

On motion the Association agreed to hold an Associational prayer meeting to-morrow morning, at nine o'clock, A. M. Preaching appointed to commence at 10 o'clock.

The Association then adjourned until Monday morning, 9 o'clock; prayer by Elder J. J. James.

The congregation were addressed at the stand by Elders Julius Ferrell, Elias Dodson, and Zachariah Neal.

Sunday, Aug. 6th, 1848.

Agreeable to appointment a prayer meeting was held in the Church at nine o'clock, A. M., in the exercise of which, Elders Wait, Wm. Jones, Dodson, and brother N. J. Palmer participated. Elder Dodson, the Missionary of the Convention, gave an interesting account of the work of God in the bounds of this Association and the large accession of members to some of the new churches. Elder

Jones, the Agent of the Convention, gave a cheering account of the progress of the Missionary spirit among the Churches and Associations in this State.

Preaching commenced at the stand at ten o'clock; when the large congregation present was addressed successively, by Elders C. B. Jennett of Petersburg, J. J. James, and T. Meredith. Elder James preached the annual Missionary sermon from Matthew 6th chapter, 10 verse. "Thy kingdom come." At night a sermon was preached by Elder William Jones to a full house.

Monday Morning, Aug. 7th, 1848.

The Association met according to adjournment and its proceedings were opened after religious exercises conducted by Elias Dodson.

The roll of members was called and the journal of Saturday was then read by the Clerk and approved.

Brother Z. A. Patillo from the Committee on Sabbath Schools made the followieg report, which, on motion, was, after remarks by Elders J. J. James and E. Dodson, adopted and ordered to be published with the Minutes.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools, respectfully submit the following:

From the information we have been able to collect from the delegation present, the painful task devolves upon us to inform this body, that this glorious institution is fast retrograding, that the churches are far behind their duty in imparting to the young, as far as their power extends, a knowledge of the sacred Scriptures. We regard this institution as a great means of directing the mind of the youth towards things of eternal moment, and as having a tendency to drive away many evil impressions, which the great enemy of souls is always trying to make upon the minds of the young. We are aware of the fact that the Sabbath School, like all good Institutions, meets with opposition; but this is a strong evidence of its being the work of God, and the greater the opposition, the stronger christians should labor to promote it. There is now in the bounds of this Association six or seven Sabbath Schools, about half of which number is in a flourishing condition, while there seems to be but little interest manifested among the others. Lamentable facts are these. We hope christians will become more zealous upon this subject, and at our next Association, we shall find more interest manifested in the discharge of this great christian duty.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Z. A. PATILLO, *Chairman.*

Elder T. Meredith from the Committee on Education, made the following report, which, after remarks by N. J. Palmer, Elders T. Meredith, J. J. James, S. Wait, E. Dodson, urging the necessity and importance of Baptists sustaining and encouraging their own schools, was unanimously adopted by the Association, and ordered to be published with the Minutes.

The Committee on Education would respectfully submit the following:—

The importance of Education in all the different departments of Society, is now generally conceded. There may be a few, here and there, perhaps, who have never enjoyed the benefits of education themselves, who take the negative on this question;—but, with these inconsiderable exceptions, the voice of the entire community is in favor of educating the people.

In our own denomination particularly, the cause of education is strikingly onward. But a few years ago, strong prejudices existed among our people not only against an educated ministry, but against intellectual improvement under nearly all circumstances. But now educated ministers are not only tolerated, but appreciated and commended. Schools for both sexes begin to be approved and patronized. Our people almost universally feel the importance of educating their sons and their daughters. And there are not a few among us who are the open and zealous advocates for an educated and enlightened ministry. And although, in fact, but little has been done compared with what the case demands, yet, when contrasted with the state of things but lately existing among us, the progress made is at least creditable and encouraging.

The institution more immediately commanding the attention of this body in particular, and of our people in this State generally, is the Wake Forest College.—This institution, as is perhaps generally known, after having struggled through pecuniary embarrassments for several years, has at length acquired a position which entitles it to the consideration and the confidence of our denomination in the State. In connexion with an able and efficient board of instructors, and a measure of patronage altogether creditable, it may now be regarded as having taken its stand among the colleges of our country. A little more effort on the part of our people to free it from debt, and to endow one or two professorships, and a little more activity in advocating its claims and increasing its patronage, will place it beyond the reach of contingences, and give it a position at once independent and commanding.

While on this subject, the committee would urge the importance of sustaining our own literary institutions. One thing may be regarded as certain, if Baptist Institutions are not sustained by Baptists themselves, they will not be sustained at all. Other denominations have their own seminaries which they patronize with much efficiency and credit to themselves. From others, therefore, but little aid can be expected in behalf of institutions originated and mainly sustained by Baptists. Under such circumstances it ought to be well understood, that their first and principle exertions are due to institutions more appropriately their own.

Respectfully submitted,

T. MEREDITH, *Chairman*.

Elder William Jones from the Committee on the North Carolina Baptist State Convention made a report, which was read, and after remarks by him, Elders Dodson, Meredith, James, and Pleasants, was adopted.

The Committee on the North Car. Bap. State Convention would make the following report:

The Convention was formed 18 years since, and has been progressing from that time to the present. Its influence continues to widen and deepen in our State, and must so continue, for its objects are purely benevolent, and must commend themselves to every philanthropic mind. At its last session the Education department was three hundred dollars in debt. The Home Mission department, seven hundred. The Convention has an Agent in the field this year, who has received enough in cash to pay the Education debt, and nearly enough that of the Home Mission. As to the Foreign Mission department, the means are ample to sustain a larger number could they be obtained, and no doubt the Lord will raise them up and incline their hearts to go, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of God. We have much room for encouragement, and, deep felt gratitude to God for his blessings which have crowned our exertions, and much encouragement to press forward. Your Committee would recommend that this Association continue by its prayers and contributions to promote the objects of this Convention.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM JONES, *Chairman*.

Elder J. J. James from the Committee on Foreign Missions, made a report which was read, and after remarks by him and Elder Dodson, was adopted.

The Committee on Foreign Missions, submit the following:

The latest accounts from our Foreign Mission stations are of a mixed character. They bring intelligence which has excited in our hearts mingled emotions of sorrow and joy. The unexpected deaths of our youthful and beloved Missionaries J C. Clopton, J. S. James, and his wife sister James, who have fallen in the discharge of their duties, have thrown sadness into the hearts of many of the friends of missions; but while we feel that we should bow in submission to these mysterious dispensations of Divine Providence, we can but rejoice and take encouragement at the continued success which still crowns the labors of our Foreign Missionaries. While the door has been recently opened to the millions of idolatrous Asia, Africa which has long been truly the land of darkness, is now receiving to a greater extent, than heretofore, the word of life. The propriety of employing colored men as missionaries to labor in that hot climate so deleterious to the health of white men, has recently been fully tested, showing that among the colored race of this country, are to be found those who are to bear back to their benighted mother country the lamp of life.

Our beloved brother Yates and wife are prosecuting their labors with encouraging prospects at Shanghai. Let us remember them in our most fervent supplications at a throne of grace.

Several other Missionaries it is expected will soon sail to begin their labors in foreign fields.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. J. JAMES, *Chm'n.*

Brother N. J. Palmer from the committee on Periodicals and Publications made a report which was read, and after remarks by him, Elders J. J. James, Wm. Jones, Dodson and the Moderator, was adopted and ordered to be published.

The Committee to whom were referred the subject of Periodicals and Publications have had the same under their consideration and have given the subject that attention which their limited time would admit.

We deem it of the utmost importance that all the members of our churches should be supplied with a periodical paper of some kind, devoted to the interests of the denomination and calculated to disseminate correct information in regard to the success of Home and Foreign Missions and the diffusion of such other religious and practical information as will stimulate them to increased effort and renewed zeal in the cause of Christ. Among the numerous periodicals under the patronage of our denomination, they would recommend first our own State paper the Biblical Recorder, edited and published by Elder Thos. Meredith, Raleigh, N. C., at $ 2 00 per annum. They would also recommend the encouragement of a quarterly Publication which he proposes to publish entitled the Southern Baptist Review. For Sabbath Schools and S. S Teachers they would recommend the Bap. Guardian published at Richmond Va., by H. K. Ellyson at $1 perr annum; and for full information in regard to the operations of Foreign and Home Missions, under the direction of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Southern Missionary Journal, published by H. K. Ellyson, at Richmond Va. at the same price.

Your Committee also deem it important that a Colporteur should be employed to operate exclusively in the bounds of this Association attending to the sale of religious books and periodicals published by our denomination and acting as Agent for the publishing of the same. In this way great good may be effected, and the interests of the Baptist cause essentially promoted.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

August 5th 1848. N. J. PALMER, Chairman.

Elder J. J. James from the committee to whom was referred the letter of Elder John Robertson, made a verbal report recommending that the Clerk of the Association be directed to write him, stating that the Association highly appreciate his labors, and requesting him, if practicable, to continue his labors within our bounds, and if necessary for his health to take a respite from his labors and visit the Mountains of Virginia.

On motion of Elder Julius Ferrell, Resolved, That we recommend to the churches in this Association to meet one Sabbath in each month for the purpose of reading the Holy Scriptures and prayer for revivals of the religion of Christ throughout the world.

On motion the Association unanimously recommend that the North Carolina Baptist State Convention re-appoint Elder Elias Dodson as the Missionary to labor in the bounds of the Association for the ensuing year—they pledging themselves to provide for his support on the same terms as heretofore, and that he be requested to supply the destitute churches in the Association.

The committee appointed to nominate delegates to the next session of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention made a report recommending the appointment of the following Delegates to meet with that body at Rockford Surry county N. C. on Thursday before the third Sabbath in October next, to wit:

Samuel Wait, Wm. M. Faulkner, John Robertson, Thomas S. Yarborough, Elias Dodson, Nath. J. Palmer, Stephen Pleasant, Calvin Graves, J. J. James, John Kerr, Zachariah Neal, Azariah Graves, jun. Julius Ferrell, Sidney S. Lea, David G. Taylor, Robert B. Jones, Vincent P. Vaden, Kimbrough Thompson, Isaac Cates, Felix Johnson, Matthew R. Moore, G. D. S. Dejernett, Z. A. Patillo, Aaron Barrow, John M. Lindsey, Hosea McNeil.

Ordered—That Elders Stephen Pleasant, Saml. Wait, J. J. James, John Robertson, Zachariah Neal, Elias Dodson, Julius Ferrell, Tho. King, and David G. Taylor, compose the Presbytery of the Beulah Association for the ensuing year, three of them to constitute a quorum to do business.

On motion the Association declined appointing a Board of Managers for the ensuing year.

On motion ordered that one thousand copies of these Minutes be printed by brother Meredith, and distributed by the Clerk, and that he be allowed the same compensation for his services as last year.

On motion of brother N. J. Palmer, it was Resolved, That Elders Samuel Wait, Elias Dodson, S. Pleasant, and J. J. James and brethren Calvin Graves and John Kerr Esqs., be appointed a Committee to inquire into and report to the next Association as to the best means to be adopted for the religious instruction of the colored population within the bounds of the Beulah Association.

On motion, *Resolved,* That the Ministers, Deacons and male members of the Churches be requested during the ensuing year to hold meetings for the benefit of the colored population within the bounds of this Association, as often as practicable.

The committee of Finance made a report which was read and adopted and ordered to be published in the Minutes. (See statistical Table.)

On motion of Elder Elias Dodson it was Resolved, That Saturday before the first Sabbath in September next, be observed by the members and churches in this Association as a day of fasting humiliation and prayer for the blessing of Almighty God upon us, and for the conversion of sinners.

On motion of brother N. J. Palmer, it was *unanimously* Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this Association is hereby tendered to the brethren and citizens in the vicinity of Clement Meeting House, for their kindness and attention to the members of the Association during its session amongst them.

The Association then adjourned *sine die* after singing and prayer by Elder Samuel Wait.

STEPHN PLEASANT, *Moderator*.
N. J. PALMER, *Clerk*.

There was preaching at the stand to-day during the session of the Association by Elders Wait and Meredith, and the closing sermon after the adjournment of the Association, was delivered by Elder William Jones, followed with an exhortation by Elder Dodson.

Treasurer's Report.

N. J. Palmer, Treasurer of the Beulah Association,
Aug. 1848. In account with the Association.

	ASSOCIATION FUND.		
	Balance in hand at last report,		$ 10 75
	Received from churches this year,		31 50
			$ 42 25
	CREDIT.		
	Paid C. N. B. Evans for printing Minutes for 1847	$ 25 00	
	Allowance to Clerk for services	10 00	35 00
	Balance in hand		$ 7 25
Aug. 1848.	HOME MISSION FUND.		
	Amount received from the Churches		$ 160 25
	Collected by Missionary		20 45
			$ 180 70
	CREDIT.		
	By amount paid Elder E. Dodson Missionary in full		

of salary for last year, he deducting $ 50 for absence	$ 150 00
Balance in hand	$ 30 70

Amounts received for Foreign Missions and Education, paid over to the Agent of the Convention. Also the sum of $ 11 30 cts., amount of public collection on the Sabbath, paid to the same.

N. J. PALMER, *Treasurer.*

August 7th, 1848.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Rec'd by baptism.	Received by letter.	Dismissed by letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	Association Fund.	Domestic Mission Fund.
Beulah,	5					15	$1 00	$17 00
Clement,	3		3	2	2	56	2 00	3 62
Cane Creek,	1	1	3	2	1	216	3 00	12 00
Ephesus,	1	1		1	2	130	2 00	12 00
Friendship,	49	1		5	1	97	1 00	3 00
Goodwill,	5		4			41	1 25	
Hogan's Creek,	1	1		1		50	1 00	4 63
Judson,		1				21	1 00	7 00
Kerr's Chapel,			1		1	28	1 50	8 50
Leaksville,	9		1	3		73	1 25	3 00
Mar's Hill,	5		15	2		83	2 00	7 00
Milton,	7	10		1		72	3 00	5 00
Madison,	21	2		2	2	113	1 50	5 50
Mill Creek,	4	1				79	2 00	10 00
Mount Airy,			1			10	1 00	
Trinity,		2	1		1	49	3 00	27 00
Yanceyville,	5	6	1	1	2	89	4 00	35 00
Total,	107	26	29	17	12	1222	34 50	160 25

Beulah Church, for Foreign Missions,	$ 4 00
Education,	20 50
Twenty dollars of the above paid towards Wake Forest College.	
Judson church Foreign Missions,	1 20
Milton Foreign Missions, paid to J. B. Taylor,	6 50

List of Ordained Ministers.

Stephen Pleasant, Roxborough, N. C.
Samuel Wait, Wake Forest College.
J. J. James, Milton.
John Robertson, Madison.
Thomas King, Hyco, Va.
Zachariah Neal, Locust Hill.
Daniel G. Taylor, Leaksville.
Elias Dodson, Yanceyville.
George W. Purify, Chapel Hill.
Julius Ferrell, Francis, Stokes co. N. C.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.
Beulah,	B. Pleasant,	Leasburg, N. C.
Clement,	Thomas K. Glenn,	Gordenton.
Cane Creek,	Thomas D. Oldham,	Hillsborough.
Ephesus,	Chadwick Faulkner,	Cunningham's Store.
Friendship,	S. Ivey,	Little Yadkin.
Goodwill,	A. Barrow,	Belews Creek.
Hogan's Creek,	James Pertle,	Reidsville.
Judson,	M. R. Moore,	Francis county.
Kerr's Chapel,	T. W. Graves,	Stony Creek.
Leaksville,	David Smith,	Leaksville.
Mar's Hill,	H. C. Strowd,	Hillsborough.
Milton,	B. Graves,	Milton.
Madison,	J. M. New,	Madison.
Mill Creek,	J. W. Hunt,	Roxborough.
Mount Airy,	Felix Johnson,	Mount Airy.
Trinity,	William Slade,	Locust Hill.
Yanceyville,	Philip Hadnett,	Yanceyville.

Missionary's Report.

During the associational year, I have travelled 2550 miles, preached 240 sermons, and baptized 73 persons. The miles travelled are fewer than in preceeding years, because from the last of January to the middle of April, I was absent on a journey to and from Mississippi.

I have obtained for the Biblical Recorder 16 subscribers; for the Baptist Guardian 47; for the Southern Baptist 3; for the Christian Index 6; for the Alabama Baptist 4; for the Mississippi Baptist 1; for the Indian Advocate 4; for the Christian Review 1. As I passed through each State, I did every thing I could for the press because my experience for the last 10 years has taught me that where there was an indifference to the press, there was generally an indifference to all other important subjects or less interest manifested in them. A church of 20 members, if 5 of them take religious papers, will do more for their pastor and every other benevolent object which adorns the age, than a church of 100 members who have ten times more property and who do not take such periodicals.—Some excuse themselves by saying they are unable to take a paper. Such persons ought to reflect that the art of printing which pours such a flood of light upon the world, is a very little advantage to them, if they are willing to stand so far in rear of the present march of mind. Any man in good health if he is industrious and is worth $100 dollars is able to take a newspaper. An intemperate man can spend 8 or 10 dollars for whiskey to *destroy* his reason and why cannot a religious man spend 2 or 3 to *improve* his mind. If a man says he has not time for such reading, let him take the time he employs in jokes and trivial conversation and in the course of the week he will have sufficient leisure for reading.

I attended interesting protracted meetings at Cay Fork, Friendship, Little Yadkin and other places.

At Leaksville the 2nd Lord's day in July 1848, I attended with brethren Taylor and Robertson where there were 7 converts.

On the 3d Lord's day in the same month I attended near Wentworth with brethren Witherington and Barnes where there were 12 converts.

On the 4th Lord's day bro. Neal and myself commenced a protracted meeting at Hogan's Creek, M. H., resulting in 5 or 6 conversions.

On the 5th Lord's day I commenced another with the Beulah church. I was assisted by bro. Samuel Wait. There were 6 conversions at this meeting.

I have formed some Sabbath schools and I do regret that there is so much indifference to this mighty instrumentality for doing good among the rising generation.

I have received $ 20 45 cts.

If the months of August and October were devoted exclusively to protracted meetings with the exception of one day each week for rest (which might be Friday or Saturday) much good might be accomplished.

ELIAS DODSON.

Proceedings of the Beulah Bible Society.

The Society met according to adjournment with the Association at Clement M. H. In the absence of Calvin Graves, Esq., the President, Rev. J. J. James one of the Vice Presidents, took the chair and called the Society to order. The exercises were opened after singing an appropriate hymn, by the Rev. Stephen Pleasant.

The Society was then, on invitation of the President, addressed successively by the Rev. C. B. Jennett of Petersburg, William T. Walters of Pittsylvania, Va., and Rev. Thomas Meredith of Wake.

N. J. Palmer of Milton, offered the following resolution:—*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Society, every destitute family within the bounds of the Beulah Association ought to be speedily supplied with the word of God.

The resolution was supported by some remarks from the mover, seconded by the Rev. Samuel Wait, with appropriate remarks, when it was *unanimously* adopted.

A public collection was then taken up in aid of the funds of the Society, and a number of names added to the list of members.

The following were elected the officers for the ensuing year, Calvin Graves Esq., President, Rev. J. J. James, John Kerr and Matthew R. Moore Esq., Vice Presidents, Nathaniel J. Palmer Esq., Secretary and Treasurer.

Board of Managers located at Milton.—Geo. B. Graves, Thomas S. Yarborough, E. W. West, Joseph J. Yarborough, William T. Walters, Fleming Nelson, and A. Timberlake.

On motion, the disposition of the funds of the Society was committed to the Board of Managers.

The following delegates were appointed to attend the next meeting of the North Carolina Baptist Bible Society at Rockford: Matthew R. Moore, J. J. James, Calvin Graves, John Kerr, John Robertson, Elias Dodson, N. J. Palmer, Tho. S. Yarborough, Zach. Neal, Robt. B. Jones, Wm. Russell, Tho. P. Vaden, Julius Ferrell, Isaac Oaks, Zach. Patillo, Hosea McNeil, Steph. Pleasant, Samuel Wait, David G. Taylor, G. D. S. Dejernett.

Each church within the bounds of the Association was authorized to appoint their destributing Agent.

The Society then adjourned to meet again with the Association in August 1849. Prayer by the Rev. Samuel Wait.

J. J. JAMES, *Vice President.*

N. J. PALMER, *Secretary.*

August, 5th, 1848.

Treasurer's Report.

Amount of collections and contributions at Association 1848	$ 13 85
Mill Creek church,	2 00
Beulah church,	3 50
Balance in hand at last report,	16 47
	$ 35 82

Credit.

By amount of bill of Bibles and Testaments recently purchased of American and Foreign Bible Society,	$ 40 26
Balance due Treasurer,	$ 4 44

N. J. PALMER, *Treasurer.*

August, 7th, 1848.

The Constitution of the Beulah Baptist Association.

ARTICLE 1st. This Association shall be called the Beulah Baptist Association.

2d. This Association shall be composed of—*first*—all the ordained ministers who are members of, or have the pastoral charge of the churches within this Associational district, who shall be members of the Association, *ex officio* *Secondly*—Not more than three delegates from each church within the district aforesaid, who shall produce letters from the churches certifying their appointment; in which said letters shall be stated the numerical standing of said churches—showing their additions, losses, and changes of membership, since the last annual Association.

3d. The Association shall be held at least once a year, at such time and place as they may appoint; and shall be opened and closed with prayer.

4th. The officers of the Association shall be, a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer; the two last offices however, may be held by the same individual, should such be the pleasure of the Association.

5th. The officers aforesaid, shall be chosen at each *annual Session* of the Association, by ballot or nomination, as may be the pleasure of a majority of the members. And the Clerk shall be deemed to continue in office until another is appointed; and shall at all times perform the duties of Treasurer, unless another individual be appointed to the latter office.

6th. The Association shall have no right to interefere with the internal regulations of the churches, but may tender to them advice; and in case any of them should become corrupt in doctrine or practice—exclude such from their fellowship. And shall also have power to adopt such measures as may be deemed proper to promote the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom.

7th. All Committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

8th. A Committee of arrangements shall be appointed, of which the Moderator and Clerk shall be members, *ex officio.*

9th. It shall be the duty of the Committee of arrangements to prepare the busness of the Association, and to consider the expediency or inexpediency of bringing any matter proposed before the Association. The action of the Committee, however, in relation to any matter, shall not be conclusive, and any matter, or proposition, which may be rejected by them, may be brought before the Association, by any member thereof, who may not concur in their decision.

10th. It shall be the duty of the Association to deliberate on the matter prepared by the Committee, whether queries or propositions from the churches, or suggestions from the Committee, and to make such responses, and offer such council, as may be deemed fit and proper.

11th. The Association may invite Baptist ministers, (who may be present,) to a seat in their Body, who shall be admitted to the privileges of counsel and debate only.

12th. The power of appointing Presbyteries for the ordination of ministers, and the constitution of churches within this district, shall be vested in this Association. And it shall be the duty of the Association, at each annual Session, to appoint a standing Presbytery, to attend to all requests from the churches relating to these matters, during the succeeding Associational year, and until another Presbytery shall be appointed.

13th. This Association may have a Board of Managers to be composed of one member from each church, together with the ordained ministers of the Association, whose duty it shall be to transact all business committed to it by the Association from one annual meeting to another, and present at each meeting of the Association, a faithful report of all its proceedings. It may also recommend in its report, any measures of interest or importance to the consideration of the Association. And after the present year, the lay members of the said Board, shall be appointed by the Association, upon the nomination of their respective churches, provided the churches choose to exercise such right, but in default of such nomination by the churches, the Association shall have the power to fill the Board, without such nominations. And seven members shall constitute a quorum of said Board, and the officers of the Board shall be such as it may choose to appoint, and it shall also have power to regulate the time and place of its own meetings.

14th. This Constitution may be altered or amended, at any annual meeting of the Association, by a vote of *two-thirds* of the whole body.

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTEENTH SESSION

OF THE

BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT

CLEMENT M. H., PERSON COUNTY, N. C.

August 14--17, 1848.

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PROCEEDINGS, &c.

Clement M. H. Person county, Aug. 4th, 1848.

The members of the Beulah Association met according to adjournment, when in the absence of Elder John Robertson, appointed for that purpose, the Introductory sermon was preached, at the request of the Moderator, by Elder Samuel Wait, from 2 Tim. 1. 7. "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

After a short intermission the members again met, and the Association was called to order by Elder Stephen Pleasant, Moderator of the last Association. Religious services were conducted by Rev. Thomas Meredith of Wake.

The churches were then called by the Clerk, when their letters were presented; from which it appeared the following delegates were appointed:—

Beulah—Elder Elias Dodson and Brown Pleasant.

Clement—Joseph Coleman, Orrin Wallace, and Nath. Valliers.

Cane Creek—Wyatt Cate, T. D. Oldham, and Thomas J. Cate.

Ephesus—Obediah Faulkner, Soloman Smith, and William M Faulkner.

Friendship—Vincent P. Vaden and William Tedder.

Goodwill—Aaron Barrow, Isaac Cates, and G. D. S. Dejernett.

Hogan's Creek—Josia Settle, Andrew Master, and John Williams.

Judson—Julias Ferrell and Matthew R. Moore.

Kerr's Chapel—Hosea McNeil, Alonzo Howard, and T. M. Graves.

Leaksville—David Smith, A. H. Barnes, and G. H. Chaplain.

Mars Hill—John Redding, James M. Ward, and Alvis Durham.

Milton—Nathaniel J. Palmer, E. W. West, and Thomas S. Yarborough.

Madison—Richard Bingham and John Heggie.

Mill Creek—John W. Hunt, Robert B. Jones, and Thomas Nelson.

Mount Airy—John Robertson, Kimbrough Thompson, and Felix Johnson.

Trinity—Calvin Graves, Thomas Settle, Robert W. Lawson—William Russell, *Alternate.*

Yanceyville—Z. A. Patillo, Sidney S. Lea, and William Lea.

Ministers—Elders Samuel Wait, S. Pleasant, J. J. James, Zachariah Neal, Elias Dodson, Thomas King, John Robertson, D. G. Taylor, and Julius Ferrell.

The Clerk having announced that a majority of the delegates from all the churches were present, the Association proceeded to the choice of a Moderator, when Elder Stephen Pleasant was unanimously re-appointed.

Brother Thomas W. Glenn was appointed Assistant Clerk.

Correspondents from neighboring Associations were then invited to take seats with us, when William T. Walters, from the Roanoke, and Elder William Jones, Brother William H. Lawson, and R. D. Bumpass, from the Flat River Association, appeared and took their seats.

Visiting Ministers were then invited to take seats, when Elder Thomas Meredith from the Raleigh, and Elder C. B. Jennett from the Portsmouth Va. Association, were announced and invited to take seats in the Association.

On motion of brother Z. A. Patillo, it was ordered that the Moderator and Deacons of the Clement church, with brother T. M. Glenn, be appointed a Committee to arrange the religious exercises during the session of the Association.

On motion of brother N. J. Palmer, Z. A. Patillo, Sidney S. Lea, and William Lea, were appointed a committee of Finance.

On motion, the Moderator and Clerk, with Elder J. J. James, Hosea McNeil and William Lea, were appointed a Committee to arrange the order of business for the Association.

On motion the Association agreed to give place at two o'clock P. M. to-morrow, to the meeting of the Beulah Bible Society.

The Clerk read a letter of correspondence from the Yadkin Asciation, giving an encouraging account of the work of God within the bounds of that Association during the past year, resulting in a large accession to their list of members. Also expressing their feelings of fraternal regard for this Association. And was ordered to be placed among the papers of this Association, and the Moderator and Clerk were directed to write a suitable answer to their letter.

The following committees were then appointed :—

On Sabbath Schools—Elders C. B. Jennett, Z. Neal, and Z. A. Patillo.

On Education—Elders Thomas Meredith, Samuel Wait, and Elias Dodson.

North Carolina Baptist State Convention—Elder William Jones, R. B. Jones and Wm. M. Faulkner.

On Foreign Missions—Elders J. J. James, William Jones, and Sidney S. Lea.

On Publications and Periodicals—Nath. J. Palmer, Calvin Graves, and V. P. Vaden.

On motion, the Association then adjourned until to-morrow morning nine o'clock, preaching to commence at ten o'clock. Prayer by Elder C. B. Jennett.

Saturday morning, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Association met according to adjournment, and its proceedings were opened, after religious services conducted by Elder Zachariah Neal.

After the call of the roll, and the reading of the Minutes of yesterday, the report of the Committee of Arrangements was presented by the Clerk, read and concurred in.

On motion of Elder J. J. James, it was ordered that the constitution of the Association and its rules of decorum be printed with the next Minutes.

Letters from the different churches belonging to the Association was read by the Clerk.

Correspondents to sister Associations were called upon to report, which was done as far as they were present.

The Report of the Delegates to the North Carolina Baptist State Convention was called for, when brother Nathaniel J. Palmer and Elder Joshua J. James, the only delegates that attended, made encouraging reports of the success and happy influence of the Convention. They also spoke with much regret that out of more than twenty delegates appointed, only two were found willing, and made it convenient, to attend.

The Association then proceeded to appoint correspondents to neighboring Associations, when the following appointments were made :—

To Sandy Creek Association, Elder George W. Purify, Thomas D. Oldham, Thomas J. Cate, and Thomas W. Graves.

To Roanoke, held Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in August,—Elders J. J. James, John Robertson, Z. A. Patillo, Azariah Graves jun., and Julius Ferrell.

Flat River, held Friday before second Sabbath in August,—Elders Samuel Wait, Stephen Pleasant, J. J. James, Thomas W. Glenn, N. J. Palmer, and John Pleasant.

To Dan River Association, held on Saturday after the 4th Sabbath in July,—B. Graves, E. W. West, N. J. Palmer, Robert B. Jones, and Wm. M. Faulkner.

Liberty Association, held Saturday before the third Sabbath in August—Elder J. J. James, Isaac Cates, Julius Ferrell, Matthew R. Moore, and Thomas P. Vaden.

Raleigh Association, held on Saturday before the 4th Sabbath,—Elder G. W. Purify, Alvis Durham, and John Redding.

Yadkin Association, Felix Johnson, T. P. Vaden, Charles Whitlock, and Elders John Robertson and Julius Ferrell.

On account of the remoteness of its location, correspondence was discontinued with the Strawberry Association.

On motion, a Committee consisting of N. J. Palmer, J. J. James, and Hosea McNeil, were appointed to nominate Delegates to the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, and report on Monday.

A letter with Minutes, was received from the Moderator of the Liberty Association, which was ordered to be filed with the papers of the Association and the Moderator and Clerk directed to write a respectful answer to the same.

A letter was received from Elder John Robertson in relation to the destitution of the Churches within his field of labor, the necessity of his leaving that section of country on account of his health. The letter was, on motion, referred to a Committee, consisting of Elders Samuel Wait, J. J. James, and brethren Wm. Russell, Aaron Barrow, and V. F. Vaden.

The Association then proceeded to appoint the time and place of its next meeting; when, after remarks from different members, it was agreed that the next session of the Association be held with the arm of Friendship Church, at Mount Olive, Stokes County, North Carolina, commencing on Friday before the first Sabbath in August, 1849—Elder J. J. James, Elder S. Pleasant his alternate, was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Elder Samuel Wait, the Missionary Sermon.

On motion of brother N. J. Palmer, Elder William Jones, the General Agent of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, who was in attendance, was respectfully invited to make any communication to this body that he may think proper; whereupon bro. Jones came forward and addressed the Association on the subject of his agency.

On motion it was resolved, that a public collection be taken up to-morrow in behalf of Home Missions and Education, to be equally divided between the same, and that Elder Jones be requested to make some remarks on the occasion.

On motion, Elder J. J. James, Agent of Wake Forest College, now in attendance, was invited to address the Association on the subject of his Agency; who complied with that request. Remarks were also made by Elder S. Wait, and brethren N. J. Palmer, R. D. Bumpas, William Russell, and Sidney S. Lea, when pledges were made by three brethren to the amount of one hundred and fifty dollars on the Huffham plan.

Elder Elias Dodson, the Missionary of this Association, was called upon for his annual report, who thereupon proceeded and read the same, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee of Finance, and ordered to be published with the Minutes.

On motion the Association agreed to hold an Associational prayer meeting to-morrow morning, at nine o'clock, A. M. Preaching appointed to commence at 10 o'clock.

The Association then adjourned until Monday morning, 9 o'clock: prayer by Elder J. J. James.

The congregation were addressed at the stand by Elders Julius Ferrell, Elias Dodson, and Zachariah Neal.

Sunday, Aug. 6th, 1848.

Agreeable to appointment a prayer meeting was held in the Church at nine o'clock, A. M., in the exercise of which, Elders Wait, Wm. Jones, Dodson, and brother N. J. Palmer participated. Elder Dodson, the Missionary of the Convention, gave an interesting account of the work of God in the bounds of this Association and the large accession of members to some of the new churches. Elder

Jones, the Agent of the Convention, gave a cheering account of the progress of the Missionary spirit among the Churches and Associations in this State.

Preaching commenced at the stand at ten o'clock; when the large congregation present was addressed successively, by Elders C. B. Jennett of Petersburg, J. J. James, and T. Meredith. Elder James preached the annual Missionary sermon from Matthew 6th chapter, 10 verse. "Thy kingdom come." At night a sermon was preached by Elder William Jones to a full house.

Monday Morning, Aug. 7th, 1848.

The Association met according to adjournment and its proceedings were opened after religious exercises conducted by Elias Dodson.

The roll of members was called and the journal of Saturday was then read by the Clerk and approved.

Brother Z. A. Patillo from the Committee on Sabbath Schools made the followieg report, which, on motion, was, after remarks by Elders J. J. James and E. Dodson, adopted and ordered to be published with the Minutes.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools, respectfully submit the following:

From the information we have been able to collect from the delegation present, the painful task devolves upon us to inform this body, that this glorious institution is fast retrograding, that the churches are far behind their duty in imparting to the young, as far as their power extends, a knowledge of the sacred Scriptures. We regard this institution as a great means of directing the mind of the youth towards things of eternal moment, and as having a tendency to drive away many evil impressions, which the great enemy of souls is always trying to make upon the minds of the young. We are aware of the fact that the Sabbath School, like all good Institutions, meets with opposition; but this is a strong evidence of its being the work of *God*, and the greater the opposition, the stronger christians should labor to promote it. There is now in the bounds of this Association six or seven Sabbath Schools, about half of which number is in a flourishing condition, while there seems to be but little interest manifested among the others. Lamentable facts are these. We hope christians will become more zealous upon this subject, and at our next Association, we shall find more interest manifested in the discharge of this great christian duty.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Z. A. PATILLO, *Chairman.*

Elder T. Meredith from the Committee on Education, made the following report, which, after remarks by N. J. Palmer, Elders T. Meredith, J. J. James, S. Wait, E. Dodson, urging the necessity and importance of Baptists sustaining and encouraging their own schools, was unanimously adopted by the Association, and ordered to be published with the Minutes.

The Committee on Education would respectfully submit the following:—

The importance of Education in all the different departments of Society, is now generally conceded. There may be a few, here and there, perhaps, who have never enjoyed the benefits of education themselves, who take the negative on this question;—but, with these inconsiderable exceptions, the voice of the entire community is in favor of educating the people.

In our own denomination particularly, the cause of education is strikingly onward. But a few years ago, strong prejudices existed among our people not only against an educated ministry, but against intellectual improvement under nearly all circumstances. But now educated ministers are not only tolerated, but appreciated and commended. Schools for both sexes begin to be approved and patronized. Our people almost universally feel the importance of educating their sons and their daughters. And there are not a few among us who are the open and zealous advocates for an educated and enlightened ministry. And although, in fact, but little has been done compared with what the case demands, yet, when contrasted with the state of things but lately existing among us, the progress made is at least creditable and encouraging.

The institution more immediately commanding the attention of this body in particular, and of our people in this State generally, is the Wake Forest College.—This institution, as is perhaps generally known, after having struggled through pecuniary embarrassments for several years, has at length acquired a position which entitles it to the consideration and the confidence of our denomination in the State. In connexion with an able and efficient board of instructors, and a measure of patronage altogether creditable, it may now be regarded as having taken its stand among the colleges of our country. A little more effort on the part of our people to free it from debt, and to endow one or two professorships, and a little more activity in advocating its claims and increasing its patronage, will place it beyond the reach of contingences, and give it a position at once independent and commanding.

While on this subject, the committee would urge the importance of sustaining our own literary institutions. One thing may be regarded as certain, if Baptist Institutions are not sustained by Baptists themselves, they will not be sustained at all. Other denominations have their own seminaries which they patronize with much efficiency and credit to themselves. From others, therefore, but little aid can be expected in behalf of institutions originated and mainly sustained by Baptists. Under such circumstances it ought to be well understood, that their first and principle exertions are due to institutions more appropriately their own.

Respectfully submitted,

T. MEREDITH, *Chairman.*

Elder William Jones from the Committee on the North Carolina Baptist State Convention made a report, which was read, and after remarks by him, Elders Dodson, Meredith, James, and Pleasants, was adopted.

The Committee on the North Car. Bap. State Convention would make the following report:

The Convention was formed 18 years since, and has been progressing from that time to the present. Its influence continues to widen and deepen in our State, and must so continue, for its objects are purely benevolent, and must commend themselves to every philanthropic mind. At its last session the Education department was three hundred dollars in debt. The Home Mission department, seven hundred. The Convention has an Agent in the field this year, who has received enough in cash to pay the Education debt, and nearly enough that of the Home Mission. As to the Foreign Mission department, the means are ample to sustain a larger number could they be obtained, and no doubt the Lord will raise them up and incline their hearts to go, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of God. We have much room for encouragement, and, deep felt gratitude to God for his blessings which have crowned our exertions, and much encouragement to press forward. Your Committee would recommend that this Association continue by its prayers and contributions to promote the objects of this Convention.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. JONES, *Chairman.*

Elder J. J. James from the Committee on Foreign Missions, made a report which was read, and after remarks by him and Elder Dodson, was adopted.

The Committee on Foreign Missions, submit the following:

The latest accounts from our Foreign Mission stations are of a mixed character. They bring intelligence which has excited in our hearts mingled emotions of sorrow and joy. The unexpected deaths of our youthful and beloved Missionaries J C. Clopton, J. S. James, and his wife sister James, who have fallen in the discharge of their duties, have thrown sadness into the hearts of many of the friends of missions; but while we feel that we should bow in submission to these mysterious dispensations of Divine Providence, we can but rejoice and take encouragement at the continued success which still crowns the labors of our Foreign Missionaries. While the door has been recently opened to the millions of idolatrous Asia, Africa which has long been truly the land of darkness, is now receiving to a greater extent, than heretofore, the word of life. The propriety of employing colored men as missionaries to labor in that hot climate so deleterious to the health of white men, has recently been fully tested, showing that among the colored race of this country, are to be found those who are to bear back to their benighted mother country the lamp of life.

Our beloved brother Yates and wife are prosecuting their labors with encouraging prospects at Shanghai. Let us remember them in our most fervent supplications at a throne of grace.

Several other Missionaries it is expected will soon sail to begin their labors in foreign fields.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. J. JAMES, *Chm'n.*

Brother N. J. Palmer from the committee on Periodicals and Publications made a report which was read, and after remarks by him, Elders J. J. James, Wm. Jones, Dodson and the Moderator, was adopted and ordered to be published.

The Committee to whom were referred the subject of Periodicals and Publications have had the same under their consideration and have given the subject that attention which their limited time would admit.

We deem it of the utmost importance that all the members of our churches should be supplied with a periodical paper of some kind, devoted to the interests of the denomination and calculated to disseminate correct information in regard to the success of Home and Foreign Missions and the diffusion of such other religious and practical information as will stimulate them to increased effort and renewed zeal in the cause of Christ. Among the numerous periodicals under the patronage of our denomination, they would recommend first our own State paper the Biblical Recorder, edited and published by Elder Thos. Meredith, Raleigh, N. C., at $ 2 00 per annum. They would also recommend the encouragement of a quarterly Publication which he proposes to publish entitled the Southern Baptist Review. For Sabbath Schools and S. S Teachers they would recommend the Bap. Guardian published at Richmond Va., by H. K. Ellyson at $1 perr annum; and for full information in regard to the operations of Foreign and Home Missions, under the direction of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Southern Missionary Journal, published by H. K. Ellyson, at Richmond Va. at the same price.

Your Committee also deem it important that a Colporteur should be employed to operate exclusively in the bounds of this Association attending to the sale of religious books and periodicals published by our denomination and acting as Agent for the publishing of the same. In this way great good may be effected, and the interests of the Baptist cause essentially promoted.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

August 5th 1848. N. J. PALMER, Chairman.

Elder J. J. James from the committee to whom was referred the letter of Elder John Robertson, made a verbal report recommending that the Clerk of the Association be directed to write him, stating that the Association highly appreciate his labors, and requesting him, if practicable, to continue his labors within our bounds, and if necessary for his health to take a respite from his labors and visit the Mountains of Virginia.

On motion of Elder Julius Ferrell, Resolved, That we recommend to the churches in this Association to meet one Sabbath in each month for the purpose of reading the Holy Scriptures and prayer for revivals of the religion of Christ throughout the world.

On motion the Association unanimously recommend that the North Carolina Baptist State Convention re-appoint Elder Elias Dodson as the Missionary to labor in the bounds of the Association for the ensuing year—they pledging themselves to provide for his support on the same terms as heretofore, and that he be requested to supply the destitute churches in the Association.

The committee appointed to nominate delegates to the next session of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention made a report recommending the appointment of the following Delegates to meet with that body at Rockford Surry county N. C. on Thursday before the third Sabbath in October next, to wit:

Samuel Wait, Wm. M. Faulkner, John Robertson, Thomas S. Yarborough, Elias Dodson, Nath. J. Palmer, Stephen Pleasant, Calvin Graves, J. J. James, John Kerr, Zachariah Neal, Azariah Graves, jun. Julius Ferrell, Sidney S. Lea, David G. Taylor, Robert B. Jones, Vincent P. Vaden, Kimbrough Thompson, Isaac Cates, Felix Johnson, Matthew R. Moore, G. D. S. Dejernett, Z. A. Patillo, Aaron Barrow, John M. Lindsey, Hosea McNeil.

Ordered—That Elders Stephen Pleasant, Saml. Wait, J. J. James, John Robertson, Zachariah Neal, Elias Dodson, Julius Ferrell, Tho. King, and David G. Taylor, compose the Presbytery of the Beulah Association for the ensuing year, three of them to constitute a quorum to do business.

On motion the Association declined appointing a Board of Managers for the ensuing year.

On motion ordered that one thousand copies of these Minutes be printed by brother Meredith, and distributed by the Clerk, and that he be allowed the same compensation for his services as last year.

On motion of brother N. J. Palmer, it was Resolved, That Elders Samuel Wait, Elias Dodson, S. Pleasant, and J. J. James and brethren Calvin Graves and John Kerr Esqs., be appointed a Committee to inquire into and report to the next Association as to the best means to be adopted for the religious instruction of the colored population within the bounds of the Beulah Association.

On motion, *Resolved,* That the Ministers, Deacons and male members of the Churches be requested during the ensuing year to hold meetings for the benefit of the colored population within the bounds of this Association, as often as practicable.

The committee of Finance made a report which was read and adopted and ordered to be published in the Minutes. (See statistical Table.)

On motion of Elder Elias Dodson it was Resolved, That Saturday before the first Sabbath in September next, be observed by the members and churches in this Association as a day of fasting humiliation and prayer for the blessing of Almighty God upon us, and for the conversion of sinners.

On motion of brother N. J. Palmer, it was *unanimously* Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this Association is hereby tendered to the brethren and citizens in the vicinity of Clement Meeting House, for their kindness and attention to the members of the Association during its session amongst them.

The Ausociation then adjourned *sine die* after singing and prayer by Elder Samuel Wait.

STEPHN PLEASANT, *Moderator.*

N. J. PALMER, *Clerk.*

There was preaching at the stand to-day during the session of the Association by Elders Wait and Meredith, and the closing sermon after the adjournment of the Association, was delivered by Elder William Jones, followed with an exhortation by Elder Dodson.

Treasurer's Report.

N. J. Palmer, Treasurer of the Beulah Association,
Aug. 1848. In account with the Association.

ASSOCIATION FUND.

Balance in hand at last report,		$ 10 75
Received from churches this year,		31 50
		$ 42 25

CREDIT.

Paid C. N. B. Evans for printing Minutes for 1847	$ 25 00	
Allowance to Clerk for services	10 00	35 00
Balance in hand		$ 7 25

Aug. 1848. HOME MISSION FUND.

Amount received from the Churches	$ 160 25
Collected by Missionary	20 45
	$ 180 70

CREDIT.

By amount paid Elder E. Dodson Missionary in full

of salary for last year, he deducting $ 50 for absence	$ 150 00
Balance in hand	$ 30 70

Amounts received for Foreign Missions and Education, paid over to the Agent of the Convention. Also the sum of $ 11 30 cts., amount of public collection on the Sabbath, paid to the same.

N. J. PALMER, *Treasurer.*

August 7th, 1848.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Rec'd by baptism.	Received by letter.	Dismissed by letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	Association Fund.	Domestic Mission Fund.
Beulah,	5					15	$1 00	$17 00
Clement,	3		3	2	2	56	2 00	3 62
Cane Creek,	1	1	3	2	1	216	3 00	12 00
Ephesus,	1	1		1	2	130	2 00	12 00
Friendship,	49	1		5	1	97	1 00	3 00
Goodwill,	5		4			41	1 25	
Hogan's Creek,	1	1		1		50	1 00	4 63
Judson,		1				21	1 00	7 00
Kerr's Chapel,			1		1	28	1 50	8 50
Leaksville,	9		1	3		73	1 25	3 00
Mar's Hill,	5		15	2		83	2 00	7 00
Milton,	7	10		1		72	3 00	5 00
Madison,	21	2		2	2	113	1 50	5 50
Mill Creek,	4	1				79	2 00	10 00
Mount Airy,			1			10	1 00	
Trinity,		2	1		1	49	3 00	27 00
Yanceyville,	5	6	1	1	2	89	4 00	35 00
Total,	107	26	29	17	12	1222	34 50	160 25

Beulah Church, for Foreign Missions,	$ 4 00
Education,	20 50
Twenty dollars of the above paid towards Wake Forest College.	
Judson church Foreign Missions,	1 20
Milton Foreign Missions, paid to J. B. Taylor,	6 50

List of Ordained Ministers.

Stephen Pleasant, Roxborough, N. C.
Samuel Wait, Wake Forest College.
J. J. James, Milton.
John Robertson, Madison.
Thomas King, Hyco, Va.
Zachariah Neal, Locust Hill.
Daniel G. Taylor, Leaksville.
Elias Dodson, Yanceyville.
George W. Purify, Chapel Hill.
Julius Ferrell, Francis, Stokes co. N. C.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.
Beulah,	B. Pleasant,	Leasburg, N. C.
Clement,	Thomas K. Glenn,	Gordenton.
Cane Creek,	Thomas D. Oldham,	Hillsborough.
Ephesus,	Chadwick Faulkner,	Cunningham's Store.
Friendship,	S. Ivey,	Little Yadkin.
Goodwill,	A. Barrow,	Belews Creek.
Hogan's Creek,	James Pertle,	Reidsville.
Judson,	M. R. Moore,	Francis county.
Kerr's Chapel,	T. W. Graves,	Stony Creek.
Leaksville,	David Smith,	Leaksville.
Mar's Hill,	H. C. Strowd,	Hillsborough.
Milton,	B. Graves,	Milton.
Madison,	J. M. New,	Madison.
Mill Creek,	J. W. Hunt,	Roxborough.
Mount Airy,	Felix Johnson,	Mount Airy.
Trinity,	William Slade,	Locust Hill.
Yanceyville,	Philip Hadnett,	Yanceyville.

Missionary's Report.

During the associational year, I have travelled 2550 miles, preached 240 sermons, and baptized 73 persons. The miles travelled are fewer than in preceeding years, because from the last of January to the middle of April, I was absent on a journey to and from Mississippi.

I have obtained for the Biblical Recorder 16 subscribers; for the Baptist Guardian 47; for the Southern Baptist 3; for the Christian Index 6; for the Alabama Baptist 4; for the Mississippi Baptist 1; for the Indian Advocate 4; for the Christian Review 1. As I passed through each State, I did every thing I could for the press because my experience for the last 10 years has taught me that where there was an indifference to the press, there was generally an indifference to all other important subjects or less interest manifested in them. A church of 20 members, if 5 of them take religious papers, will do more for their pastor and every other benevolent object which adorns the age, than a church of 100 members who have ten times more property and who do not take such periodicals.—Some excuse themselves by saying they are unable to take a paper. Such persons ought to reflect that the art of printing which pours such a flood of light upon the world, is a very little advantage to them, if they are willing to stand so far in rear of the present march of mind. Any man in good health if he is industrious and is worth $100 dollars is able to take a newspaper. An intemperate man can spend 8 or 10 dollars for whiskey to *destroy* his reason and why cannot a religious man spend 2 or 3 to *improve* his mind. If a man says he has not time for such reading, let him take the time he employs in jokes and trivial conversation and in the course of the week he will have sufficient leisure for reading.

I attended interesting protracted meetings at Cay Fork, Friendship, Little Yadkin and other places.

At Leaksville the 2nd Lord's day in July 1848, I attended with brethren Taylor and Robertson where there were 7 converts.

On the 3d Lord's day in the same month I attended near Wentworth with brethren Witherington and Barnes where there were 12 converts.

On the 4th Lord's day bro. Neal and myself commenced a protracted meeting at Hogan's Creek, M. H., resulting in 5 or 6 conversions.

On the 5th Lord's day I commenced another with the Beulah church. I was assisted by bro. Samuel Wait. There were 6 conversions at this meeting.

I have formed some Sabbath schools and I do regret that there is so much indifference to this mighty instrumentality for doing good among the rising generation.

I have received $ 20 45 cts.

If the months of August and October were devoted exclusively to protracted meetings with the exception of one day each week for rest (which might be Friday or Saturday) much good might be accomplished.

ELIAS DODSON.

Proceedings of the Beulah Bible Society.

The Society met according to adjournment with the Association at Clement M. H. In the absence of Calvin Graves, Esq., the President, Rev. J. J. James one of the Vice Presidents, took the chair and called the Society to order. The exercises were opened after singing an appropriate hymn, by the Rev. Stephen Pleasant.

The Society was then, on invitation of the President, addressed successively by the Rev. C. B. Jennett of Petersburg, William T. Walters of Pittsylvania, Va., and Rev. Thomas Meredith of Wake.

N. J. Palmer of Milton, offered the following resolution:—*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Society, every destitute family within the bounds of the Beulah Association ought to be speedily supplied with the word of God.

The resolution was supported by some remarks from the mover, seconded by the Rev. Samuel Wait, with appropriate remarks, when it was *unanimously* adopted.

A public collection was then taken up in aid of the funds of the Society, and a number of names added to the list of members.

The following were elected the officers for the ensuing year, Calvin Graves Esq., President, Rev. J. J. James, John Kerr and Matthew R. Moore Esq., Vice Presidents, Nathaniel J. Palmer Esq., Secretary and Treasurer.

Board of Managers located at Milton.—Geo. B. Graves, Thomas S. Yarborough, E. W. West, Joseph J. Yarborough, William T. Walters, Fleming Nelson, and A. Timberlake.

On motion, the disposition of the funds of the Society was committed to the Board of Managers.

The following delegates were appointed to attend the next meeting of the North Carolina Baptist Bible Society at Rockford: Matthew R. Moore, J. J. James, Calvin Graves, John Kerr, John Robertson, Elias Dodson, N. J. Palmer, Tho. S. Yarborough, Zach. Neal, Robt. B. Jones, Wm. Russell, Tho. P. Vaden, Julius Ferrell, Isaac Oaks, Zach. Patillo, Hosea McNeil, Steph. Pleasant, Samuel Wait, David G. Taylor, G. D. S. Dejernett.

Each church within the bounds of the Association was authorized to appoint their destributing Agent.

The Society then adjourned to meet again with the Association in August 1849. Prayer by the Rev. Samuel Wait.

J. J. JAMES, *Vice President.*

N. J. PALMER, *Secretary.*

August, 5th, 1848.

Treasurer's Report.

Amount of collections and contributions at Association 1848	$ 13 85
Mill Creek church,	2 06
Beulah church,	3 56
Balance in hand at last report,	16 47
	$ 35 82

Credit.

By amount of bill of Bibles and Testaments recently purchased of American and Foreign Bible Society,	$ 40 26
Balance due Treasurer,	$ 4 44

N. J. PALMER, *Treasurer.*

August, 7th, 1848.

The Constitution of the Beulah Baptist Association.

ARTICLE 1st. This Association shall be called the Beulah Baptist Association.

2d. This Association shall be composed of—*first*—all the ordained ministers who are members of, or have the pastoral charge of the churches within this Associational district, who shall be members of the Association, *ex officio*. *Secondly*—Not more than three delegates from each church within the district aforesaid, who shall produce letters from the churches certifying their appointment; in which said letters shall be stated the numerical standing of said churches—showing their additions, losses, and changes of membership, since the last annual Association.

3d. The Association shall be held at least once a year, at such time and place as they may appoint; and shall be opened and closed with prayer.

4th. The officers of the Association shall be, a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer; the two last offices however, may be held by the same individual, should such be the pleasure of the Association.

5th. The officers aforesaid, shall be chosen at each *annual Session* of the Association, by ballot or nomination, as may be the pleasure of a majority of the members. And the Clerk shall be deemed to continue in office until another is appointed; and shall at all times perform the duties of Treasurer, unless another individual be appointed to the latter office.

6th. The Association shall have no right to interefere with the internal regulations of the churches, but may tender to them advice; and in case any of them should become corrupt in doctrine or practice—exclude such from their fellowship. And shall also have power to adopt such measures as may be deemed proper to promote the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom.

7th. All Committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

8th. A Committee of arrangements shall be appointed, of which the Moderator and Clerk shall be members, *ex officio*.

9th. It shall be the duty of the Committee of arrangements to prepare the business of the Association, and to consider the expediency or inexpediency of bringing any matter proposed before the Association. The action of the Committee, however, in relation to any matter, shall not be conclusive, and any matter, or proposition, which may be rejected by them, may be brought before the Association, by any member thereof, who may not concur in their decision.

10th. It shall be the duty of the Association to deliberate on the matter prepared by the Committee, whether queries or propositions from the churches, or suggestions from the Committee, and to make such responses, and offer such council, as may be deemed fit and proper.

11th. The Association may invite Baptist ministers, (who may be present,) to a seat in their Body, who shall be admitted to the privileges of counsel and debate only.

12th. The power of appointing Presbyteries for the ordination of ministers, and the constitution of churches within this district, shall be vested in this Association. And it shall be the duty of the Association, at each annual Session, to appoint a standing Presbytery, to attend to all requests from the churches relating to these matters, during the succeeding Associational year, and until another Presbytery shall be appointed.

13th. This Association may have a Board of Managers to be composed of one member from each church, together with the ordained ministers of the Association, whose duty it shall be to transact all business committed to it by the Association from one annual meeting to another, and present at each meeting of the Association, a faithful report of all its proceedings. It may also recommend in its report, any measures of interest or importance to the consideration of the Association. And after the present year, the lay members of the said Board, shall be appointed by the Association, upon the nomination of their respective churches, provided the churches choose to exercise such right, but in default of such nomination by the churches, the Association shall have the power to fill the Board, without such nominations. And seven members shall constitute a quorum of said Board, and the officers of the Board shall be such as it may choose to appoint, and it shall also have power to regulate the time and place of its own meetings.

14th. This Constitution may be altered or amended, at any annual meeting of the Association, by a vote of *two-thirds* of the whole body.

MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION,

OF THE

BEULAH

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

FRIENDSHIP MEETING HOUSE, STOKES CO., N. C.

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Mount Hermon—Alvis Durham, A. C. Hunter, and Thomas S. Faucett.

Mill Creek—Simon Gentry, Thomas H. Nelson, and Wm. H. Morgan.

Mount Airy—William Johnson, Felix Johnson, and Kimbrough Thompson.

Mar's Hill—William Ward, David Strayhorn, and Henry C. Strowd.

Trinity—Hon. Thomas Settle, Robt. W. Lawson, and A. Graves, Junior.

Yanceyville—Thos. J. Valentine, Sidney S. Lea, and Z. A. Patillo.

Ordained Ministers, ex-officio Members of the Association, present—Elders, S. Pleasant, Samuel Wait, D. D., Z. Neal, Elias Dodson, W. A. Shaw, and Julius Terrell.

Absent—Elders J. J. James, D. G. Taylor, Thomas King, George W. Purify and John Robertson.

It appearing that a majority of the Churches represented, on motion, Elder Stephen Pleasant was unanimously re-elected Moderator and Azariah Graves junior, was appointed Assistant Clerk.

A letter was presented and read, from Mount Hermon Baptist Church, in Orange County, N. C., asking admission into the Association, when, on motion, the said Church was unanimously received, and the right hand of fellowship extended to its Delegates, by the Moderator.

A letter was also presented and read from the Baptist Church at Elm Grove, in Guilford County, N. C., asking admission into the Association, which said Church was, on motion, unanimously admitted into the Association, and the hand of fellowship extended to their Delegates by the Moderator.

Correspondents from neighboring Associations were then invited to take seats with us, and give their aid in our deliberations, when Elder Thomas Meredith, from the Raleigh, and Brother Elijah Tonin, from Dan River Association was received and took their seats.

On motion, a Committee to arrange the religious exercises, during the Session of the Association, were appointed, consisting of

Brother N. J. Palmer, A. Graves, S. Ferguson, S. S. Lea, and Josiah Settle.

A Committee of Finance was appointed, consisting of Brethren Josiah Settle, S. S. Lea, and Alvis Durham.

A Committee to arrange the order of business for the Association was appointed, consisting of Brethren E. Dodson, Z. Neal, Azariah Graves, with the Moderator and Clerk.

On motion, the following Committees were appointed by the Moderator:

On Sabbath Schools—Elder Elias Dodson, Brethren Wm. Ward, Iverson B. Pleasants, and A. C. Hunter.

On Education—Dr. W. A. Shaw, John W. Gibson, and Felix Johnson.

North Carolina Baptist State Convention—Azariah Graves, Jr., Josiah Settle and Sidney S. Lea.

On Foreign Missions—Elder Thomas Meredith, Gen. Thomas W. Graves, and P. Webster.

On Home Missions—Elder Julius Terrell, Elder Z. Neal, and Alvis Durham.

On Publications and Periodicals—Nathaniel J. Palmer, Isaac Oakes and Wm. Strayhorn.

On motion, the Association agreed to give place on to-morrow, at 3 o'clock, P. M., to the Anniversary meeting of the Beulah Bible Society.

The Association then adjourned until to-morrow morning, nine o'clock. Prayer by Elder Thomas Meredith.

SATURDAY MORNING, August 4th, 1849.

The Association met according to adjournment, and its proceedings were opened, after reading a portion of the Scriptures, singing and prayer, by Dr. Wm. A. Shaw.

The Moderator being absent, on motion, Dr. Shaw was appointed Moderator pro. tem. The roll of Members were then called by the clerk, and additional names were enrolled.

The Committee appointed on yesterday to arrange the order of business, made a report, which was read and accepted, and the Committee discharged.

The Letters from the different Churches were then read by the Clerk.

Brethren Harden Hill from the Raleigh, Larkin Terry from the Liberty, and T. J. Glenn, from the Yadkin Associations, were received as correspondents, and took their seats.

A letter was presented and read, from Elder James B. Taylor, of Richmond, Va. Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

Dr. Wm. A. Shaw presented the following resolution, which was read, and after some remarks by the mover, N. J. Palmer and Elder Julius Terrell, was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That each Minister of the Association shall with some other Minister, he may select, conduct at least three Protracted Meetings, in the interval between the close of this and the meeting of our next Association.

The Delegates to the last Session of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention being called on, a report was made in their behalf by brother N. J. Palmer, which was received and adopted.

Correspondents to Sister Associations being called on, reported as far as they attended, and those who could not attend, made their excuses, which were received.

The Moderator appeared and took his seat.

The Association then proceeded to appoint Correspondents to neighboring Associations, as follows:

To Sandy Creek Association, to be held on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in September, 1849, Elder George W. Purify, Thomas D. Oldham, William Whitehead, and Thomas S. Faucett.

To the Roanoke Association, to be held on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in August, 1849, Dr. Wm. A. Shaw, Elder J. J. James, A. McDowell, John H. Lacy, and Thos. S. Yarbrough.

To the Flat River Association, to be held on Friday before the second Sabbath in August 1849—Elder J. J. James, Samuel Wait, and John L. Pleasant, Thomas K. Glover, N. J. Palmer and Wm. M. Faulkner.

To the Dan River Association, to be held on Saturday after the 4th Sabbath in July 1850—Elders J. J. James, Dr. William A. Shaw, A. McDowell, Joseph J. Yarbrough, N. J. Palmer, and A. Timberlake.

To the Liberty Association, to be held on Saturday before the third Sabbath in August 1849—Elder Julius Terrell, Aaron Barrow, Matthew R. Moore, Dr. G. S. De Jarnatte, and John W. Gibson.

To the Yadkin Association, to be held on Saturday before 1st Sabbath in October 1849—Felix Johnson, John W. Gibson, Elder Julius Terrell, Kimbrough Thompson, and Isaac Oakes.

To the Raleigh Association, to be held on the Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in August 1849—Elders Samuel Wait, George W. Purify, A. D. Blackwood, brethren Alvis Durham, A. C. Hunter, and H. C. Strowd.

The Association then proceeded to fix the time and place of its next annual meeting, when, after considerable discussion, it was agreed that the next session of the Association be held with the Mount Hermon Church, near Hillsborough in Orange County, N. C., commencing on Friday before the first Sabbath in August, 1850. Dr. William A. Shaw was appointed to preach the Introductory sermon on Friday, and Elder J. J. James the Missionary sermon on the Sabbath.

On motion, the Standing Presbytery of the last year was re-appointed for the ensuing year with the addition of Dr. Shaw of Milton.

On motion, the Association adjourned until Monday morning 9 o'clock, after singing and prayer by Elder Zachariah Neal.

Preaching from the stand to-day by Elders Meredith and Neal.

SUNDAY, August 5th, 1849.

The day was somewhat inclement, and owing to that and the floods in the creeks near by, there was but a small congregation in attendance at the meeting house. They were addressed by Elders S. Pleasant and E. Dodson. In the village of Germanton near the place of meeting, public services were held in the Court House three times by Dr. Wm. A. Shaw and Elder Z. Neal. A solemn attention and seriousness was manifested by the congregations, and at the Meeting House, there were strong indications of a revival of the work of God. Elder S. Wait appointed to preach the missionary sermon, was prevented from attending until Monday, on account of indisposition.

Monday morning, August 6th, 1849.

The Association met according to adjournment and its proceedings were opened after singing and prayer by Elder Stephen Pleasant, the Moderator.

The roll of members was called by the Clerk, and a letter presented and read from the Ephesus Church.

Elder Elias Dodson, Missionary for the Association, made his annual report, which was read, and, on motion, accepted and ordered to be published with the Minutes. (See Appendix, letter A.)

The Committee of Finance made their report which was read and accepted, and ordered to be published. (See Tabular statement.)

The Report of the Committee on Education was presented by Dr. Wm. A. Shaw, received and adopted, and ordered to be published with the Minutes. (See letter B.)

Brother Azariah Graves, Jun., from the Committee on the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, made a report which was read, accepted, and directed to be published with the Minutes. (See letter C.)

The report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools, was presented and read by Elder Elias Dodson, adopted by the Association, and ordered to be published. (See letter D.)

Elder Julius Terrell from the Committee on Home Missions, made a report, which was, on motion, adopted, and ordered to be published with the Minutes. (See letter E.)

Elder Thomas Meredith, from the Committee on Foreign Missions, and to whom was also referred the letter of Elder James B. Taylor, Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, made a report, which was, on motion, adopted, and ordered to be published with the Minutes. (See letter F.)

Brother N. J. Palmer, from the Committee on Periodicals and Publications, made a report, which was read and accepted, and the resolution in favor of the promotion of a Publication and Sunday School Society, unanimously adopted by the Association. (See letter G.)

On motion, Elder Elias Dodson, the Missionary of this Association, was authorized to employ an Assistant for one month, to labor with him in holding protracted meetings, at the same rates per month, as his own Salary, and the Treasurer was directed to pay the same out of the Home Mission Fund.

On motion, the Association unanimously recommend to the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, the employment of Elder Elias Dodson, as their missionary for the ensuing year, they agreeing to provide for the payment of his salary at the rates of two hundred dollars per annum.

On motion, the public collection taken up at the stand this day, was ordered to be applied towards the payment of the Assistant Missionary, within the bounds of the Association.

The following persons are appointed as Delegates to represent the Beulah Association in the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, to be held in Oxford, commencing on Thursday before the 3d Sabbath in October, to wit:

Hon. Calvin Graves,
John Kerr, Esq.,
Samuel Wait, D. D.,
Elder Elias Dodson,
Elder John Robertson,
Elder J. J. James,
Dr. Wm. A. Shaw,
Elder A. McDowell,
Elder Z. Neal,
Elder Stephen Pleasant,
Gen. Thomas W. Graves,
Dr. George S. Dejarnette,
Wilborn Russell,
Jasper C. Davis,
Robert W. Lawson,
Azariah Graves, Jr.,
N. J. Palmer, Esq.,
William Ward,
Alvis Durham,
Robert B. Jones,
Thomas S. Yarbrough,
Matthew R. Moore,
Josiah Settle, Esq.
Sidney S. Lea,
Thomas K. Glenn,
William M. Faulkner,
John H. Lacy,
A. C. Hunter.

On motion, the Clerk was directed to have eight hundred copies of the minutes printed, and distributed among the Churches and corresponding Associations, and is allowed the usual compensation for his services.

On motion, the thanks of the Association were unanimously tendered to the Brethren and friends of Friendship Church, and its vicinity, for their kindness and hospitality extended to the members of the Association, during their session among them.

The Association having gone through with all its business, upon the invitation of the Moderator, Elder Thomas Meredith made a very affectionate closing address to its members, whose feelings seemed to sympathize with those of the speaker. The parting Hymn, commencing "Blest be the tie that binds," &c., was then sung, followed with prayer by Elder Meredith, and the Benediction by the Moderator, who adjourned the Association to the time of its next meeting, on Friday before the 1st Sabbath in August, 1850, with the Mt. Hermon Church, in Orange County, N. C.

Teste, STEPHEN PLEASANTS, *Moderator*,

N. J. Palmer, *Clerk.*

N. B. There were public services at the stand to day, by Elders Neal, Shaw and Dodson, and the meeting was protracted for several days.

CHURCHES.	POST OFFICE	Received by baptism.	Received by letter.	Dismissed by letter.	Excluded.	Deceased	Total.	Association Fund.	Domestic Miss. Fund.	For Foreign Miss.
Beulah,	Leasburg,	3			1		17	$2 05	$12 50	3 50
Clement,	Gordonton,			4		5	47	2 00	5 50	
Cane Creek,	Hillsborough	1	2	3	8	2	201	3 00	5 00	
Ephesus,	Cunninghams		2	7	1	7	115	2 00	10 00	
Elm Grove,	Bruce ✕ R's,	1					16	1 00	2 25	5 00
Friendship,	Germanton,	3	1	3	1		54	2 00	8 70	4 00
Goodwill,	Belew's Cr'k,	4					45	1 20	4 00	3 00
Hogan's C'k.	Reidsville,	4		3	1		50	1 75	4 75	1 70
Judson,	Francisco,			1			9	1 00		
Kerr's Chap'l	Stony Creek,			7			21	2 00	8 00	1 25
Leaksville,	Leaksville,	1	8		1		63	1 00	2 00	1 25
Mar's Hill,	Hillsborough,	2	1	1	1		83	2 00		
Milton,	Milton,	33	12	4			112	4 00	5 00	
Madison,	Madison,	4	4	1	2		110	2 00	4 00	1200
Mill Creek,	Roxborough,	2	1	2	3		72	2 00	11 00	
Mount Airy,	Mt. Airy,		1				11	1 00	15 00	7 00
Mt. Hermon,	Hillsborough,	15	19	2			45	2 00	4 50	
Trinity,	Locust Hill,		1	2			48	4 00	27 00	
Yanceyville,	Yanceyville,	1	3		3		95	4 45	43 25	
	Total	74	35	40	22	14	1219	40 45	172 45	3870

N. B. Beulah Church for Education sent to Wake Forest College, by E. Dodson,	$22 00
Do. sent up per Beulah Bible Society, and paid Treasurer,	2 00

The contributions for Foreign Missions, from Goodwill, Friendship, Mt. Airy, Elm Grove, and Madison Churches was sent to Elder J.B. Taylor, Richmond, Va. The balance, $7 70 cts. sent to North Carolina Baptist State Convention, at Oxford.

TREASURER'S REPORT, 1849.

N. J. Palmer, Treasurer of the Beulah Association, in account with the Association.

ASSOCIATION FUND.

Balance in hand at last report,		$7 25
Amount sent up from the Churches this year,		40 45
		$47 70
CREDIT.		
By balance paid for Printing Minutes of 1848,	$25 00	
Clerk's allowance for services,	10 00	35 00
Balance in hand to pay for printing Minutes of 1849,		$12 70

DOMESTIC MISSIONARY FUND.

Balance in hand at last report,		$30 75
Amount sent up from the Churches this year,		172 45
Amount of public collection on Monday,		4 10
Received by Elder E. Dodson, from Churches and individuals,		47 82
Total,		$225,12
CREDIT.		
By Amount of salary of Elder E. Dodson, Missionary of the Association,	$200 00	
Amount deducted by him for absence, to attend to secular business,	20 85	
	$179 15	
By cash paid E. Dodson to employ assistant for one month,	16 66	$195 81
Balance in the hands of the Treasurer,		$59 31

N. J. PALMER, *Treasurer.*

MILTON, August 6, 1849.

APPENDIX.

A.

MISSIONARY'S REPORT.

Since our last Association, I have travelled 4250 miles, preached 255 sermons, and baptized 19 persons. I have obtained 1 subscriber for the Christian Review, 1 for the Indian Advocate, 2 for the Religious Herald, 32 for the Biblical Recorder, and 88 for the Commission. I have received $68 67, made up as follows:

	$ Cts.
By time to attend to secular business,	20 85
By cash from Greensborough,	4 87
do from Mt. Zion Church, in Granville,	3 60
do from Concord,	2 45
do from sundry persons,	6 90
do from one person,	30 00
	$68 67

On account of the bad health of brother Robertson, my protracted meetings have not been so much attended.

If I had a *healthy*, *persevering*, *and indefatigable* minister to co-operate with me in such meetings, in the upper country, with the blessing of the Lord, much good might be accomplished.

ELIAS DODSON.

August 7th, 1849.

B.

EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education beg leave to report, that all the indications of Providence and grace, by the great Head of the Church, urge with increasing force the importance of Education on the members of our Zion. The school-master is abroad. The revolutions in behalf of civil and religious liberty in Europe, has stirred the minds of men, not only there but here, where the first impulse was given to this great march of mind. Not to advance with this tide of knowledge and influence, will be to retrograde or be left shipwrecked and inefficient, among our fellow christians.—True knowledge, science and learning, will ever be found the handmaid to divine knowledge, and pure, heartfelt religion. It is only superficial studies and limited attainments that puff up with empty pride—while real, solid acquirements in every department of learning, tend to a modest, humble and charitable deportment among our fellow-men. Our people, our fellow-citizens, are continually making progress in knowledge—if we do not improve with equal pace in divine and human learning, and by prayer and study, turn all our acquisitions into the pure gold of divine truth and wisdom, we must expect to see our churches decline, our congregations diminish, and our pulpit ministrations deserted. God forbid, that we, as Baptists, should yield to the senseless prejudice against solid learning. Already, some of the most eminent men of our country, belong to our denomination, every one of whom are among the brightest ornaments, both in the church and state councils. And although we place, as we ought, a higher value on religious experimental knowledge, than on all or any knowledge *without religion*, yet all Baptists must ever respect and esteem eminent gifts and attainments as well as eminent grace, which are devotedly consecrated to the cause of our precious Redeemer.

We repeat the judicious advice of our predecessors, who have reported on this subject heretofore, that we ought to cherish, foster, encourage and support our own peculiar institutions. These schools are the nurseries of the future church. As our youth are instructed, we must suppose they will be inclined to continue to receive a strong bias in regard to their future religious position in the church. Hence, it is of vital import to us, to see that our youth are led in the way, we solemnly believe to be, in accordance with the revealed will and pure word of God.

Thanks to the great Head of the Church—he has put it into the hearts of the church to erect a College at Wake Forest, which is steadily winning its way to public support and confidence. The moral influence thrown around the students is as thorough and salutary as that of any College in our Union. We commend this subject to the special attention of our brethren throughout the State, as we must mainly look to this College for the preparation of your youth for the posts of honorable and efficient influence both as fellow-citizens and fellow-christians.

The same remark is applicable to our high schools and academies, in various portions of our bounds. They are entitled to our special support and encouragement—we prefer them as ours, while we would not exclude nor discourage others. We recommend these things in a spirit of entire liberality to others, but firm, conscientious conviction, in behalf of our own institutions.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WM. A. SHAW, Ch'm'n.

C.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of the best means of co-operating with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, respectfully report that they have given as much attention to the subject, as their limited time would admit.

The objects of the Convention are three-fold: First, to supply the destitute within our own State, with the preached Gospel by the aid of missionaries, appointed and supported by its funds.—Secondly, to aid the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, in sending the Gospel to the benighted heathen—and thirdly, to aid poor but pious young men, called of God, and licensed by their respective Churches, in improving their education, thereby qualifying them for more extensive usefulness.

In a body of intelligent Christians, we deem it useless to urge argument to prove the importance of these different objects, and to commend them to their hearty and effective support. In proportion as we increase the means of the Convention, we confer on it the power under the blessing of God of doing good. Every church ought to be represented in the Convention, and when their Delegates return among them, they can impart much useful information to its members, and encourage them to increased effort. So far as domestic missions are concerned, our Association for years has supported a missionary, who has latterly been recommended by the Association, and appointed by the Convention, with the understanding that we would provide for his support. His labors have been abundantly blessed of God. If every Association would do the same, a largely increased amount of missionary labor might be performed. Your Committee, in conclusion, recommend the adoption of the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Pastors of the different Churches, belonging to this Association, urge upon the members and friends of the convention, the importance of giving extended aid to the Convention, and at least once a year to take up public collections and solicit subscriptions in aid of its funds.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. GRAVES, Jun., *Ch'm'n.*

August 6, 1849.

D.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth," is the language of the Bible. Early piety is promoted by sabbath schools

In our protracted meetings, the first converts and the most useful members, are from such schools. The most useful ministers have been teachers or scholars in these institutions. Besides piety, I know not a greater criterion of future usefulness in a young minister, than the exercise of constant effort for the promotion of sabbath schools. They are the nurseries of the Churches.

Punctuality and perseverance, traits so necessary to every successful employment, should belong to the character of every teacher.—One Teacher who has them, is worth twenty who has them not. A small sum of money, by voluntary subscription, would create a small library. To create an incitement to study, tickets should be procured from Salem, N. C. or from some other place, to be given to the scholars.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ELIAS DODSON.

August 6, 1849.

E.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Committee on Home Missions make the following report: We believe this Institution is the central energy of the Church, like an experienced officer, exciting his army to attack all points, that the great commander, Jesus, has promised success.

In reviewing our Association for the last four or five years, what can we say more than that an abundance has been effected by our Home missionary. See the additions of new churches—our borders greatly enlarged. What is it but the promise of God? "I will build up again the waste places of Zion." Look again at the religious Periodicals, with good standard works of our denomination, circulated by our domestic Missionary. My brethren, if our Home Missionary field is not cultivated, the Foreign field must wither. With the Baptists originated the formation of Christian Missions, with them the first Bible Society. Look back for fifty years, and see what has been done. Paganism is falling—even anti-Christ, himself, has left his Pontificial Chair. What is to be, but by little and little, I will, saith Jehovah, "put out the nations before thee."

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JULIUS TERRELL, *Ch'm'n.*

August 6, 1849.

F.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee on Foreign Missions would respectfully submit the following report:

The cause of Foreign Missions appears to be prospering in every part of the world. Nearly all denominations of Christians are engaged in the work, and perhaps every nation of the earth has been made the theatre of missionary operations. Our Northern Brethren are pushing forward their labors in Germany, France, and several nations of the East. And our Southern Board have missions in China, and on the coast of Africa.

Respecting the operations of our Southern Board, the information is sufficiently encouraging to justify unwearied, and even increased exertions. Although some of our missionaries have died, and others have been compelled through loss of health to retire from the field, still as much has been done, probably, as could be reasonably expected, under all the circumstances of the case. Some of our missionaries have acquired a knowledge of the Chinese language, and have commenced the work of preaching the Gospel and the distribution of books and tracts in that Empire. The work is progressing, also, on the coast of Africa. And the Board contemplate the establishment of a new mission in the interior of this last named continent. The Board inform us, that, in order to prosecute the missions already commenced, and to begin and carry on those in contemplation, more funds will be needed. These are all worthy and important objects, and such as claim the serious and devout consideration of this body.

All of which is duly submitted,

T. MEREDITH, *Ch'm'n.*

August 6, 1849.

G.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS AND PUBLICATIONS.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of religious Periodicals and Publications, have had the same under consideration, and submit the following report:

A general diffusion of religious intelligence among Christians, has a tendency to stimulate them to increased effort in the cause of our dear Redeemer, and among the people of the world, it causes them to reflect and ponder well the ground they occupy, and often insensibly, but almost irresistibly, leads their minds to conviction, and opens their hearts for the kind reception of the truths of the Gospel of Christ. There is such a natural tendency in the human heart to apathy and indifference, in regard to the momentous interests of the soul, that it requires every engine to be brought to bear to arouse it to action. When our country is engaged in a contest with a foreign power, and success crowns our arms, every patriot is anxious to bear some part in the glories which attend the achievement; so when the intelligence is given that in various parts of our land the car of the Lord is moving on triumphantly—many are encouraged to join in the army of the victories of the cross.

Aside from the moral influence which religious books and Periodicals effect in society, they have an important influence in building up our Churches, and stimulating the members to renewed zeal in all noble and benevolent works, particularly that of sending the Gospel to the destitute throughout the world.

With upwards of forty thousand Baptists in our State, the Biblical Recorder, the acknowledged organ of our denomination, ought to have three times its present number of subscribers—the Missionary Journal of the Southern, Foreign and Home Mission Boards, and the Commission, published in Richmond, Va., ought also, to have an extensive circulation. Let proper information be extensively diffused, and the mists of ignorance, superstition and blind fanaticism would be dispelled from our State, like the morning dews before the rays of the sun.

Every Minister and every Deacon of our Churches ought to act as voluntary agents of these publications, and do all in their power to increase their patronage.

With regard to tracts and other religious publications, as they are now extensively published by our denomination, a Depository ought to be established, within the bounds of every Association, and a society formed to hold its meetings with the Association, to carry out this important object. Every Missionary and every Minister should in some degree act as a Colporteur. By this means, they can render their ministerial labors much more effective, and many, who, from age and infirmity, cannot attend on the public ministrations of the sanctuary, may in their own houses, and by their own firesides, read of the wonderful works of God. Sabbath schools could in this way, be supplied with suitable libraries and books of instruction.

Your Committee respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Association recommend the formation at this time, of a society, to meet in connection with them, to be called the Beulah Publication and Sunday School Society, auxilliary to the North Carolina Baptist Publication and Sunday School Society.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

NATHANIEL J. PALMER, *Chm'n.*

August 6, 1849.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BEULAH BIBLE SOCIETY.

SATURDAY EVENING, August 4, 1849.

The fifth Anniversary meeting of the Beulah Bible Society was held according to adjournment, with the Church at Friendship Meeting House, in Stokes County. In the absence of the President, Hon. Calvin Graves, Matthew K. Moore, Esq., one of the Vice Presidents, took the chair, and called the society to order, and at his request, its proceedings were opened with singing, reading a portion of the scriptures, and prayer, by Dr. Wm. A. Shaw, of Milton.

The Constitution of the Society was then read by the Clerk.

A verbal report was made from the Board of Managers, at Milton, which was accepted by the Society.

The following resolution was then offered by N. J. Palmer, Esq. of Milton.

Resolved, That the distribution of the sacred Scriptures among the destitute, is the most effective auxilliary to the success of the preached Gospel.

The resolution was seconded by Dr. William A. Shaw, of Milton, accompanied by a very feeling and appropriate address. The Society was also addressed by the Rev. Julius Terrell of Stokes, and the Rev. Thomas Meredith, of Raleigh. The address of the latter exhibited, in a very forcible manner, the imperious duty devolving on Christians, of supplying the destitute in our own region of country. The resolution was then unanimously adopted.

On motion of Rev. Stephen Pleasant, of Person, E. Dodson, A. Graves, Jr., Sidney S. Lea, and Josiah Settle, Esq., were appointed a Committee to wait on the Congregation, and receive the list of new members and contributions. They afterwards reported the names of a number of new members, and contributions to the amount of $10 62. Sent up from the Beulah Church, $2 00, making in all $12 62 cts.

On motion, each Church within the bounds of the Beulah Association, was authorized to appoint a distributing Agent, and report his name to N. J. Palmer, Secretary of the Board of Managers, at Milton.

On motion, the disposition of the funds of the society now raised and which may be received during the ensuing year, was committed to the Board of Managers.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to have the Proceedings of the Meeting published with the Minutes of the Association, at the expense of the Society.

On motion, Dr. Wm. A. Shaw, of Milton, was requested to deliver the next Anniversary Address or Sermon, before the Society.

The following Officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Hon. Thomas Settle, President.
Hon Calvin Graves, 1st Vice President.
John Kerr, Esq., 2d do.
Matthew R. Moore, Esq., 3d do.
Nathaniel J. Palmer, Secretary and Treasurer.

BOARD OF MANAGERS LOCATED AT MILTON, N. C.

Rev. J. J. James, *Chairman*, Gen. B. Graves, Dr. William A. Shaw, Rev. A. McDowell, N. J. Palmer, Esq., A. G. Stephens, Thomas S. Yarbrough, Augustin Timberlake, Joseph J. Yarbrough, Richard Newbill, John H. Lacy, and William T. Walters.

The following are the Delegates appointed to the meeting of the North Carolina Bap. Bible Society, to be held with the Convention at Oxford, N. C:

Hon. Calvin Graves, John Kerr, Esq., Matthew R. Moore, Esq., Nathaniel J. Palmer, Esq., Thomas S. Yarbrough, Rev. J. J. James, Dr. William A. Shaw, Rev. A. McDowell, Rev. Stephen Pleasant, Rev. E. Dodson, Rev. S. Wait, D. D., A. Graves, Jun., William Ward, Alvis Durham, Rev. Z. Neal, A. C. Hunter, Robt. W. Lawson, Sidney S. Lea, John H. Lacy and Rev. J. Robertson.

On motion, the Society then adjourned, after singing the Christian Doxology, and Benediction, by the Rev. Zâchariah Neal, of Caswell.

Teste, MATTHEW R. MOORE, *Vice Pres't.*
N. J. Palmer, *Secretary.*

CONSTITUTION

Of the Beulah Bible Society, auxilliary to the North Carolina Baptist Bible Society.

Article 1*st.* This Society shall be called the Beulah Baptist Bible Society, auxilliary to the North Carolina Baptist Bible Society.

Art. 2*d.* The objects of the Society shall be to supply our own destitution first, and with our surplus funds to aid the parent Society.

Art. 3*d.* The members of the Society shall consist of such persons as contribute annually to its funds, and by the payment of ten dollars, any one may become a life member.

Art. 4*th.* The Officers shall be a President, three Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and Depository Agent, all of whom shall be chosen annually, who, with a Board of Managers, shall be competent to transact all business in the intervals of the Society's meetings, five of whom shall constitute a quorum.

Art. 5*th.* The annual meetings of the Society shall be held with the Beulah Association. Intermediate meetings may be called by the President or two of the Vice Presidents.

Art. 6th. The Board of Managers may appoint distributing or collecting Agents, and must make an annual report to the Society, of their proceedings.

Art. 7th. This Constitution shall be subject to amendment, by a majority of the votes, at a regular meeting of the Society.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

N. J. Palmer, Treasurer Beulah Baptist Bible Society,
August 6th, 1849. In account with the Society.

Amount of sales of Bibles and Testaments, since last Annual meeting, 1848,		$12 83
Amount of collections and contributions at this Association,		10 62
Amount sent up from Beulah Church,		2 00
		$25 45
CREDIT.		
Balance due Treasurer at last Report,	$4 44	
Expenses on box of Bibles, from New York to Milton,	2 00	
Postage,	20	6 64
Balance in hand,		$18 81

ORGANIZATION

OF THE BEULAH PUBLICATION AND SUNDAY SCHOOL SOCIETY,

Auxilliary to the North Carolina Baptist Publication and Sunday School Society.

A number of the members of the Beulah Baptist Association, held at Friendship Meeting House, in Stokes County, N. C., met in the Church on Monday morning, the 6th of August, 1849, for the purpose of forming a Publication and Sunday School Society.

On motion, Elder Stephen Pleasant, Moderator of the Association, was called to the Chair, and Azariah Graves, Jun., appointed Secretary.

The objects of the meeting having been stated, the following Constitution for the Society, was submitted by N. J. Palmer, Esq., of Milton:

CONSTITUTION

Of the Beulah Publication and Sunday School Society.

Article 1st. This Society shall be called the Beulah Publication and Sunday School Society, and shall be auxilliary to the North Carolina Baptist Publication and Sunday School Society.

Art. 2d. The objects of the Society shall be the establishment of a Depository of religious Books and Tracts, at some convenient point within the bounds of the Beulah Association, where our Sabbath Schools and Churches and others, may be supplied at a cheap rate, with suitable religious books and publications. Also, all proper encouragement given to the establishment of Sabbath Schools, in every Church and neighborhood.

Art. 3d. The Officers of the Society shall be a President, three Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and Depository Agent, with a Board of Managers to be annually elected, or appointed by the Society.

Art. 4th. The Society shall hold its annual meetings with the Beulah Association, and some one shall be selected annually to deliver an address or sermon before it. Intermediate meetings may be called by the President, or two of the Vice Presidents.

Art. 5th. Any one may become a member of the Society by contributing the sum of fifty cents or more, annually, to its funds; or by the payment of ten dollars at any one time, become a member.

Art. 6th. The Board of Managers may have the disposition of the funds of the Society, in the interval of its annual meetings, and appoint one or more agents or colporteurs, and fix their compensation. Five members of the Board shall constitute a quorum to do business.

Art. 7th. The Board of Managers must make an annual report to the society of their operations.

The foregoing Constitution having been read, was on motion, unanimously adopted.

The following persons were then elected officers for the ensuing year:

Dr. Wm. A. Shaw, of Milton, President; Azariah Graves, Sidney S. Lea, and Jasper C. Davis, Esq., Vice Presidents; John H. Lacy, Secretary; and Albert G. Stephens, Treasurer and Depository Agent.

BOARD OF MANAGERS LOCATED AT MILTON, N. C.

The Officers of the Society with Elder J. J. James, A. McDowell, N. J. Palmer, A. Timberlake, Thomas S. Yarbrough, Gen. William Lea, Joseph J. Yarbrough, Willoughby Shelton, Richard Newbill, William A. Farley, William J. Cates, R. H. Pritchett, William Sneed and La Fayette Bennett.

On motion, John Kerr, Esq., was requested to deliver the first Annual Address before the Society.

On motion, the proceedings of the meeting were directed to be published with the Minutes of the Beulah Association, at the expense of the Society.

On motion, the Society then adjourned.

Teste, STEPHEN PLEASANT, *Ch'm'n.*

A. Graves, Jun., *Secretary.*

LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE BEULAH PUBLICATION AND SUNDAY SCHOOL SOCIETY.

Elder S. Pleasant, N. J. Palmer, Dr. Wm. A. Shaw, Dr. J. S. Dejarnette, Azariah Graves, Isaac Oakes, Jasper C. Davis, Iverson B. Pleasants, Sidney S. Lea, A. Durham, Hon. Thomas Settle, A. C. Hunter, Mrs. Julia O. Farley, David Strayhorn, Elder E. Dodson, Rev. A. McDowell, Jno. H. Lacy, W. Martin, Albert G. Stephens, R. H. Pritchett, Miss S. B. H. Yarbrough, (pd. 1 yr.) Calvin Graves, A. R. Terry, Mrs. A. L. Graves, Wm. J. Cates, Mrs. M. Gardner, Wm. A. Farley, Mrs. A. Yancey. Thos. S. Yarbrough, Mrs. V. B. Swepson, Mrs. E. Gordon, Miss A. E. Yancey, Miss Lucy Taylor, Elizabeth Covey, Miss Frances Keersey, Jeremiah Graves, Wm. A. Keersey, A. Patillo, James J. Farley, Eliza Lounds, Wm. A. Shelton, Isabella Lounds, Alex'd. Keersey, Jno. Kerr, Esq., Elder Joshua J. James, B. Lounds, Miss Rebecca Westbrooks, A. G. Yancey, La Fayette Bennett, Miss E. Graves, R. A. Newbill, Miss M. J. Kerr, G. H. Meritt, Miss E. A. Terry.

The Constitution of the Beulah Baptist Association.

Article 1st. This Association shall be called the Beulah Baptist Association.

2d. This Association shall be composed of—*first*—all the ordained Ministers who are members of, or have the pastoral charge of the Churches within this Associational District, who shall be members of the Association, *ex officio*. *Secondly*—Not more than three delegates from each Church within the district aforesaid, who shall produce letters from the churches certifying their appointment; in which said letters shall be stated the numerical standing of said churches—showing their additions, losses and changes of membership, since the last annual Association.

3d. The Association shall be held at least once a year, at such time and place as they may appoint; and shall be opened and closed with prayer.

4th. The officers of the Association shall be, a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer; the two last offices, however, may be held by the same individual, should such be the pleasure of the Association.

5th. The officers aforesaid shall be chosen at each *Annual Session* of the Association, by ballot or nomination, as may be the pleasure of a majority of the members. And the Clerk shall be deemed to continue in office until another is appointed; and shall at all times perform the duties of Treasurer, unless another individual be appointed to the latter office.

6th. The Association shall have no right to interfere with the internal regulations of the Churches, but may tender to them advice; and in case any of them should become corrupt in doctrine or practice—, exclude such from their fellowship. And shall also have the power to adopt such measures as may be deemed proper to promote the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom.

7th. All Committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

8th. A Committee of arrangements shall be appointed, of which the Moderator and Clerk shall be members, *ex officio*.

9th. It shall be the duty of the Committee of arrangements to prepare the business of the Association, and to consider the expediency or inexpediency of bringing any matter proposed before the Association. The action of the Committee, however, in relation to any matter, shall not be conclusive, and any matter, or proposition, which may be rejected by them, may be brought before the Association, by any member thereof, who may not concur in their decision.

10th. It shall be the duty of the Association to deliberate on the matter prepared by the Committee, whether queries or propositions from the churches, or suggestions from the Committee, and to make such responses, and offer such council, as may be deemed fit and proper.

11th. The Association may invite Baptist Ministers, (who may be present,) to a seat in their body, who shall be admitted to the privileges of counsel and debate only.

12th. The power of appointing Presbyteries for the ordination of Ministers, and the Constitution of churches within this district, shall be vested in this Association. And it shall be the duty of the Association, at each annual Session, to appoint a standing Presbytery, to attend to all requests from the Churches, releting to these matters, during the succeeding Associational year, and until another Presbytery shall be appointed.

13th. This Association may have a Board of Managers to be composed of one member from each church, together with the ordained ministers of this Association, whose duty it shall be to transact all business committed to it by the Association from one annual meeting to another, and present at each meeting of the Association, a faithful report of all its proceedings. It may also recommend in its report, any measures of interest or importance to the consideration of the Association. And after the present year, the lay members of the said Board, shall be appointed by the Association, upon the nomination of their respective churches, provided the churches choose to exercise such right, but in default of such nomination by the churches, the Association shall have power to fill the Board, without such nominations. And seven members shall constitute a quorum of said Board, and the officers of the Board shall be such as it may choose to appoint, and it shall also have the power to regulate the time and place of its own meetings.

14th. This Constitution may be altered or amended, at annual meetings of the Association, by a vote of *two-thirds* of the whole body.

RULES OF ORDER AND DECORUM.

1st. The Moderator shall take the Chair every day during the Session, at the hour appointed at the adjournment, and call the members to order, and on the appearance of a quorum, cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read.

2d. He shall preserve decorum and order, shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Association by any member.

3d. He shall rise to put a question, but may state it sitting. He shall have the right to call any member to perform the duties of the chair temporarily.

4th. The Moderator shall not vote on any question, unless the Association be equally divided.

5th. He shall not speak in debate while occupying the chair, but may call another to the chair, and then he shall the privilege of speaking, in common with any other member.

6th. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Association, he shall rise from his seat, and address himself to the Moderator.

7th. When two or more members *rise* at the same time, the Moderator shall name the member to speak first.

8th. No member shall speak more than twice to the same question, without leave of the Association.

9th. No member shall absent himself, finally, from the Association without leave.

10th. Decency of speech shall be observed—and *personal* reflections carefully avoided.

11th. Whilst the Moderator is putting any question, or addressing the Association, no person shall speak, stand up, or walk out, or across the house. Nor when a member is speaking, entertain private discourse, stand up, or pass between him and the Moderator.

11. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, but to adjourn—to lay on the table—to postpone indefinitely—to postpone to a day certain—to commit or to amend; which several motions shall have precedence, in the order in which they stand arranged.

13th. All Committees shall consist of three members, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

14th. A select Committee shall be appointed, on the first day of the Association, to select the ministers who are to preach on Saturday and the succeeding days of the meeting, and give notice thereof to the respective ministers, whose duty it shall be to conform to the arrangements thus made.

15th. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be put by the Moderator, unless withdrawn by the mover.

16th. No standing rule shall be rescinded, altered, or suspended, unless by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

17th. The Constitution and Rules of Decorum and Order, shall be read on Saturday of each Session of the Association.

MINUTES

OF THE

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT

MT. HERMON M. H., ORANGE Co., N. C.

August 2---5, 1850.

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Officers of the Association.

Elder Stephen Pleasant, of Person, *Moderator.*
N. J. Palmer, of Milton, *Stated Clerk.*
Elder John H. Lacy, of Milton, *Assistant Clerk.*

TRUSTEES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Jasper C. Davis, of Stokes co.,
Aaron Barrow, of Forsyth,
J. M. Lindsay, of Rockingham,
Calvin Graves, of Caswell,
Thomas D. Oldham, of Orange,
Dr. G. S. Dejarnette, of Guilford,
Obediah Faulkner, of Person.

According to the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly of North Carolina, all donations or bequests for the objects of the Association or the Trustees connected with it, can be given to and held by the Trustees appointed in trust for the benefit of the objects contemplated by the donor or devisor.

PROCEEDINGS, &C.

MOUNT HERMON M. H., N. C., Aug. 2nd, 1850.

The Members of the Beulah Association met with the Baptist Church at this place, according to adjournment. In the absence of Dr. Wm. A. Shaw, appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon at the last meeting, the opening sermon was preached by Elder John Robertson, of Rockingham, from the 24th chapter of the gospel by St. Matthew, 14th verse.

After the conclusion of the sermon and a short intermission, prayer was offered by Elder John H. Lacy, of Milton.

The members of the Association were then called to order by Elder S. Pleasant, Moderator of the last meeting, when on the list of churches being called, it appeared the following delegates were appointed to represent them.

Beulah—*Walker H. Lunsford, and *William Morgan.

Clement—Stephen Wilkerson, Joseph Coleman and Thomas R. Glenn.

Cane Creek—Thomas D. Oldham, John Moore and *Sidney Whitted.

Elm Grove—*William Highfield, Isaac Cates, and *Dr. George S. Dejarnette.

Ephesus—William M. Faulkner, *Joseph Moore and *Obediah Faulkner.

Friendship—Calvin I. Carroll, Sidney Tedder and *John W. Gibson.

Goodwill—*Aaron Barrow, *Robert Hutchins, and *Robert Jones.

Hogan's Creek—Andrew Martin, John Matlock, and *James Pirtle.

Judson—*Julius Ferrell.

Kerr's Chapel—Thos. W. Graves, Hosea McNiell, and William J. Moore.

Leaksville—*A. H. Barnes, *Joseph Covington, and *G. H. Chaplin.

Milton—Nathaniel J. Palmer, La Fayette Barrett, and *Albert G. Stevens.

Madison—Stinson Ivey, *A. P. Smith, and *J. M. Lindsay.

Mount Hermon—A. Durham, A. C. Hunter, and Thomas S. Faucett.

Mill Creek—John W. Hunt, Josephus Younger, and Robert S. Davie.

Mount Airy—Elias Dodson.

Mar's Hill—John Redding, H. C. Strowd, and Wm. Ward.

Trinity—A Graves, William Slade and William Russell.

Yanceyville—Sidney S. Lea, Wm. Lea, and Zachariah Patillo.

Ordained Ministers who are ex officio members of the Association.—Elders *Samuel Wait, D. D., Stephen Pleasant, J. J. James, John Robertson, Elias Dodson, John H. Lacy, *Archibald McDowell, *Charles Duncan, George W. Purify, *Julius Ferrell, *Thomas King, Jesse Howell and *A. D. Blackwood.

(The Ministers and members of the Association marked thus, * were absent.)

It appearing that a majority of the churches were represented, the Association proceeded to the election of a Moderator, when Elder Stephen Pleasant, was *unanimously* re-elected Moderator.

Elder John H. Lacy, was appointed Assistant Clerk.

Correspondents from sister Associations were invited to take seats with us, when brother S. P. Norris, and John C. Lewis from the Raleigh Association appeared with copies of their Minutes, and were invited to take seats with us.

Brother James P. Montague appeared, and was received as a correspondent from the Flat River Association.

On motion, the following brethren were appointed a Committee of Finance, to wit: Thomas W. Graves, Z. Patillo and Azariah Graves.

On motion, a Committee of Arrangements were appointed, consisting of Elder J. J. James, William Russell, Sidney S. Lea, with the Moderator and Clerk.

On motion, brother N. J. Palmer, William J. Moore, Alvis Durham, A. C. Hunter and Thomas S. Faucett, were appointed a Committee to arrange the religious exercises during the Association.

On motion, the following Committees were appointed.

On Sabbath Schools—A. C. Hunter, Z. Patillo, Isaac Oakes.

On Education—Elder J. J. James, Thomas W. Graves, Thomas D. Oldham.

North Carolina Baptist State Convention—John H. Lacy, Azariah Graves, William J. Moore.

On Foreign Missions—Elder John Robertson, Sidney S. Lea, John Moore.

Home Missions—Elder Elias Dodson, John W. Hunt, Stinson Ivey.

On Publications and Periodicals—N. J. Palmer, Wm. Russell, William Slade.

On motion of Elder J. J. James, a Committee was appointed to inquire into the State of Religion in the bounds of this Association, and to suggest such measures as they think most beneficial to promote the cause of God for promoting a revival of religion in the bounds of the Beulah Association—Committee to consist of Elders J. J. James, John H. Lacy, Elias Dodson, John Robertson, Brethren William Russell and Thomas W. Graves. On motion the Moderator was added to the Committee.

On motion the Association agreed to give way at ten o'clock, P. M. on to-morrow, to a meeting of the Beulah Bible Society.

On motion the Association agreed to adjourn until to-morrow morning nine o'clock, in order that the Beulah Publication and Sunday School Society may hold its anniversary meeting.

Brother N. J. Palmer, the Secretary notified the Association, that in consequence of his holding the office of Secretary of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and a press of other business, that he would at the meeting of the Association in the morning, resign his office as Clerk of the Association.

The Association then adjourned after some appropriate remarks, and prayer by the Moderator.

Preaching at the stand by brother Stinson Ivey.

SATURDAY, Aug. 3d, 1850.

The Association met according to adjournment, and its proceedings were opened after reading a portion of the Scriptures and singing and prayer by Elder J. P. Montague.

The Roll of Members was then called, and the proceedings of yesterday read by the Clerk.

The Committee of arrangements reported, and the report was adopted.

Corresponding messengers from sister Associations were called on to report, and did so as far as they were present, which reports were satisfactory.

Elder William Jones, General Agent of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, appeared and was invited to a seat in the Association.

The letters from all the Churches belonging to the Association, were then read except the Judson, and from that church a letter was presented and read, from Elder Julius Ferrell.

A letter was presented and read from brother J. H. Caudle, a licentiate of the Friendship Church, in Stokes county, in relation to the state of religion and the Ministry there, and urging the Association to re-appoint, Elder Elias Dodson as their Missionary, which was laid on the table for the present.

Elder J. J. James offered the following preamble and resolution, in regard to the death of Elder Zachariah Neal, which was read and unanimously adopted, after remarks by Elders James, Robertson, Pleasant, and brother Thomas W. Graves.

Whereas, the Association have learned with regret, the death of our beloved Bro. Zachariah Neal, who was a regular Minister of our church: Therefore, *Resolved*, That in the death of our esteemed brother, the ministry have lost a pious and faithful laborer, and the church one of its most devoted members, and that this Body tender their sympathy to his bereaved family.

The Association then proceeded to consider the requests contained in the church letters from the Leaksville, Elm Grove and Goodwill churches, for a division of the Association. After remarks by Elder J. Robertson, Brother T. W. Graves, Elder J. J. James, bro. N. J. Palmer, Elders William Jones, John H. Lacy, brother Steph. Wilkerson, and the Moderator, on motion, the subject of a division was unanimously postponed.

Agreeably to notice given on yesterday, brother N. J. Palmer tendered his resignation of the office of Clerk of the Association, when, after remarks from different members, on motion, he was unanimously requested to continue his services for the present, which he consented to do.

Delegates to the Convention, and Correspondents to sister Associations, were called on to report. Brother N. J. Palmer made a report in behalf of the Delegates to the Convention, which was received as satisfactory.

Correspondents to sister Associations also reported, which reports was received.

The Association then proceeded to appoint Correspondents to sister Associations, when the following were appointed.

To Sandy Creek Association—George W. Purify, T. D. Oldham, John Moore and N. J. Palmer.

To the Roanoke Association—Elder John H. Lacy, A. McDowell, LaFayette Bennett, Joseph J. Yarborough, and Dr. S. Powell.

To Dan River Association—Elder J. J. James, John H. Lacy, N. J. Palmer, A. McDowell, Richard Newbill and William J. Moore.

To the Liberty Association—Elder J. Robertson, James Lanier, Dr. J. S. Dejarnette, Elder J. J. James, Brethren J. N. Wood, N. J. Palmer, and Elder Charles Duncan.

To the Yadkin Association—Elder Julius Ferrell, J. W. Gibson, Elders J. J. James, John Robertson, Charles Duncan and brethren Felix Johnson, and Charles Whetlock.

Flat River—Brethren Simon Gentry, Elders J. J. James, Samuel Wait, Elias Dodson and Z. Patillo.

Raleigh—Elder S. Wait, Jesse Howell, and brethren Alvis Durham, A. C. Hunter, and Robert B. Jones.

The following persons were appointed Delegates to the next session of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, to be held in Louisburg, Franklin county, N. C., commencing on Thursday before the third Sabbath in October next. Brethren Calvin Graves, John Kerr, N. J. Palmer, Elders S. Wait, J. J. James, John Robertson, Elias Dodson, John H. Lacy, Stephen Pleasant, George W. Purify, A. McDowell, Jesse Howell, A. D. Blackwood, Stinson

Ivey, Dr. G. S. Dejarnette, Robert B. Jones, Bedford Brown jun., H. C. Strowd, I. B. Pleasant, Z. Patillo, Wm. M. Faulkner, R. Newbill, Benj. J. Lea, Azariah Graves, William Russell, John W. Hunt, J. M. Russell, S. S. Lea, Dr. S. Powell, T. W. Graves, T. D. Oldham, Stephen Wilkerson and James Strayhorn. Any member of the Association that may find it convenient to attend, can be substituted in the place of such Delegates as may be absent.

The Association then proceeded to appoint the time and place of meeting of the next Association, when on motion and petition, the Association agreed to hold its next session with the church at Goodwill in Forsythe County, N. C., commencing on Friday before the 3d Sabbath in August, 1850. Elder James was appointed to preach the Introductory sermon, Elder S. Pleasant his alternate, and Elder J. H. Lacy, of Milton, to preach the Missionary on Sabbath.

The Presbytery of the Beulah Association, by Elder Pleasant, made a report as to the ordination of Brethren John H. Lacy and Archibald McDowell by request of the Baptist Church in Milton, N. C., and also by Elder Robertson, as to the ordination of Brother Charles Duncan, by request of the church at Madison, by a Presbytery of the Association.

The following resolution was offered by Elder George W. Purify, and *unanimously* adopted.

Resolved, That the churches belonging to this Association are requested to send their Candidates for Ordination up to the annual meetings of the Association for the action of the Presbytery of the Association.

On motion of bro. N. J. Palmer,

Resolved, That all of the ordained Ministers belonging to the Association, or who are Pastors of churches within the bounds of the Association, constitute the standing Presbytery of the Association for the ensuing year, three members to constitute a quorum for business.

On motion, *Resolved*, That Elder William Jones, General Agent of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, be requested on to-morrow to explain the objects of the Convention, and take up a public collection in aid of the funds of the Convention.

The Association then adjourned until Monday morning 9 o'clock, to give place to a meeting of the Beulah Bible Society. Benediction by the Moderator.

N. B. Sermons at the stand to-day, by Elders Dodson, Jones and Montague.

Sunday, Aug. 4th, 1950.

At nine o'clock A. M., there was an Associational prayer meeting held in the church, conducted by Elders Robertson and Dodson.

At ten o'clock A M., the services at the stand commenced with a sermon from Elder John H. Lacy, from 2nd Epistle of Peter, 1st chapter 16th verse. The Missionary sermon was then preached by Elder J. J. James, agreeable to appointment of the last Association, from 11th chapter of Isaiah, and part of the 9th verse. "For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." Elder Jones, Agent of the Convention, agreeable to appointment, commenced an explanation of the objects of the Convention, but was prevented by a shower of rain. Most of the congregation repaired to the house, where after a short intermission a sermon was preached by Elder S. Pleasant from Hebrews 12th ch. 25th verse.

At early candle light Elder Jesse Howell preached in the church, when a number came forward enquiring "what they should do to be saved." A large congregation was in attendance throughout the day, who appeared much interested in the services.

MONDAY, August, 5th, 1850.

The Association met according to adjournment, and its proceedings were opened after singing and prayer, by Elder James.

In the absence of the Moderator, brother Azariah Graves was appointed Moderator, *pro tem.*

The roll of members was then called, and the proceedings of Saturday read.

Brother Z. Patillo from the committee of Finance, made their report, which was received, ordered to be published with the Minutes, and the committee discharged.

The Moderator appeared and took his seat.

Elder John Robertson from the Committee on Foreign Missions, made a report which was seconded by brother N. J. Palmer, accompanied with remarks, urging every church in the Association to raise at least the amount of ten dollars for Foreign Missions, and send it up by a delegate to the Convention. Remarks were also made by Elder James and brother Z. Patillo, when the report was adopted and ordered to be published in the Minutes. (See letter B.)

Elder Elias Dodson, Missionary of the Beulah Association made his annual report, which was received, and on motion, ordered to be published with the Minutes, (See letter A.) and on further motion, Elder Elias Dodson was *unanimously* recommended to the North Carolina Baptist State Convention for re-appointment on the same terms as last year, the Association pledging themselves to provide for his support.

On motion of brother N. J. Palmer, *Resolved*—That Jasper C. Davis of Stokes county, Dr. G. S. Dejarnette of Guilford, Aaron Barrow of Forsythe, J. M. Lindsay of Rockingham, Calvin Graves of Caswell, Thomas D. Oldham of Orange, and Obediah Faulkner of Person, he and they are hereby appointed Trustees of the Beulah Association according to the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly of North Carolina in relation to Religious Societies, and that they be authorized to receive and manage donations and bequests given to the Association or the Societies connected with it.

Ordered,—That Elder Elias Dodson, the Missionary of the Association exercise his discretion as to the field of labor within or near the bounds of this Association.

On motion of Elder John H. Lacy, brother J. H. Caudle was appointed a Missionary to labor with Elder Elias Dodson for one month in the bounds of this Association, at a salary of $16 67 cts. per. month.

Brother N. J. Palmer offered the following preamble and resolution which was read and unanimously adopted:

Whereas some of our churches, particularly in the western bounds of this Association have of late been imposed on by itinerating persons representing themselves as Baptist Ministers, without any authority for assuming this character, therefore—

Resolved, That our churches be, and they are hereby respectfully requested not to receive and recognize any one as a Baptist Minister, without his producing satisfactory credentials of his authority to preach, unless he is known to some of the members as a preacher of regular standing in the church to which he belongs.

Brother Z. A. Patillo from the committee on Sabbath Schools made a report which was read, and on motion, unanimously adopted and ordered to be published in the Minutes. (See letter C.)

Elder James from the committee on Education, made a report which was read, and after remarks by brother N. J. Palmer, Elder William Jones and Elder James, was unanimously adopted and ordered to be published with the Minutes. (See letter D.)

Elder John H. Lacy from the committee on the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, made a report which was read, and after remarks by Elder Lacy, adopted unanimously, and ordered to be published with the Minutes. (See letter E.)

Elder Elias Dodson, from the Committee on Home Missions, made a report which was read, and after remarks by Elders Lacy and Jones, was read and adopted. See letter (F.)

Brother N. J. Palmer from the Committee on Periodicals and Publications, made a report which was read, and after remarks by him and brother Montague, was adopted and ordered to be published with the Minutes. (See letter G.)

Elder James from the Committee appointed to inquire into the State of Religion in the bounds of the Beulah Association, and to suggest such measures as they think most beneficial to promote the cause of God, made a report which was read and unanimously adopted and ordered to be published with the Minutes. See letter (H.)

On motion, it was ordered that one thousand copies of the Minutes be published, under the direction of the Clerk, and distributed among the churches, and that he be allowed the usual compensation for his services.

On motion of Elder John Robertson, it was Resolved, That Friday before the 4th Sabbath in October, be set apart as a day of fasting and prayer to Almighty God for a revival of Religion in the bounds of this Association, and that all of our churches be, and they are hereby requested, to observe the same.

On motion of bro. T. W. Graves, it was unanimously, Resolved, That the thanks of the Association be, and they are hereby presented to the brethren and friends in the vicinity of Mount Hermon Church, for their kindness and hospitality extended to the members of the Association during this session amongst them.

The Association having gone through with all of its business in great harmony, after singing the parting Hymn commencing "Blest be the tie that binds," &c, adjourned *sine die*, prayer by Elder G. W. Purify, and benediction by the Moderator. The next session to be held with the Goodwill church, Forsyth county, commencing on Friday betore the 3d Sabbath in September 1851.

STEPHEN PLEASANT *Moderator.*

N. J. PALMER *Clerk.*

N. B. There was preaching at the Stand to-day by Elder Robertson and Dodson, and the closing sermon, by Elder William Jones, Agent of the Convention, followed by a collection, in behalf of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, amounting to $16, 75 cts. which was paid over to Elder Jones.

Form of a Bequest to the Association.

I do hereby devise and bequeath to the Trustees of the Beulah Association the sum of   to be paid by my executor within two years after my decease, (or after the death of my widow, as the case may be) (to be applied to Home or Foreign Missions, the Bible or Publication and Sunday School Society, as the donor may direct.)

Statistical Table.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Rec'd by baptism.	Rec'd by letter.	Dism'd by letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	Mission Fund. Association	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.
Beulah,			2			17	$1 00	$20 00	$9 00
Clement,					1	43	2 00	5 62	
Cane Creek,	55		6	3	3	244	3 00		
Ephesus,	11	1	1		3	123	2 00	10 75	
Elm Grove,	14			1		29	1 00	35 00	5 00
Friendship,	8		1	3		58	1 00	4 20	3 00
Goodwill,	9					53	1 00		
Hogan's Creek,		3	1	3	1	49	1 00	1 50	
Judson,						9			
Kerr's Chapel,			2			20	2 57	11 00	1 00
Leaksville,			3	1		60	2 00	5 93	
Mar's Hill,	22			2	1	102	2 00		
Milton,	7	3	3	1	2	115	3 00	5 00	
Madison,	4	3		2		119	4 00	75	
Mill Creek,	17			1		88	2 07	6 25	
Mount Airy,	2					13	1 00	16 50	2 00
Mount Hermon,	23	3	1	2		69	2 00	2 00	
Trinity,			13	2		33	3 00	27 00	
Yanceyville,	1	2	2	4	4	85	4 00	34 25	7 50
Total,	173	15	35	25	15	1329	37 64	185 75	27 50

A LIST OF CHURCHES, &C.

NAMES OF CH'ES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	P. O. OF CLERKS.
Beulah,	Iverson B Pleasants,	Elias Dodson,	Leasburg, N C
Clement,	Thomas R Glenn,	Stephen Pleasant,	Gordenton "
Cane Creek,	Thomas D Oldham,	G W Purify,	Hillsborough, "
Ephesus,	O Faulkner,	J J James,	Cunningham's St.
Elm Grove,	G S DeJarnette,	John Robertson,	Bruce X Roads,
Friendship,	Henry Ferguson,	Elias Dodson,	Germantown N.C.
Goodwill,	Aaron Barrow,	John Robertson,	Belews Creek, "
Hogan's Creek,	James Pirtle,	Elias Dodson,	Reidsville, "
Judson,	M R Moore,	Elias Dodson,	Danbury, "
Kerr's Chapel,	Thomas W Graves,	S Pleasant,	Stony Creek, "
Leaksville,	G H Chaplin,	Charles Duncan,	Leaksville, "
Mar's Hill,	H C Strowd,	A D Blackwood,	Hillsborough, "
Madison,	J M New,	John Robertson,	Madison, "
Milton,	Barzilai Graves,	John H Lacy,	Milton, "
Mill Creek,	John W Hunt,	Stephen Pleasant,	Roxborough, "
Mount Airy,	Felix Johnson,	Elias Dodson,	Mount Airy, "
Mount Hermon,	Alvis Durham,	Jesse Howell,	Hillsborough, "
Trinity,	John H Lacy,	William Slade,	Locust Hill, "
Yanceyville,	Samuel Wait, D D	Phillip Hadnett,	Yanceyville, "
Greensborough, Branch of Madison Church,	J J James, and E Dodson,	E W Wood,	Greensborough "

EDUCATION FUND.

Beulah church $21—of which amount $20 paid to Wake Forest College to relieve it from debt and $1 to Education Society.

BIBLE SOCIETY FUND.		PUB. AND SUNDAY SCHOOL SOCIETY.
Beulah Church,	$1 00	$1 50

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE ASSOCIATION.

August 5th, 1850.

Association Fund.

Amount in hand at last report,		$12 70
Received from Beulah Bible Society towards printing Minutes,		5 00
Do. from Beulah Publication and Sunday School Society,		5 00
Do. from churches sent up this year,		37 64
		$60 34

Credit.

By amount paid T. Meredith for printing Minutes of 1849,	$37 50	
Clerks allowance for services,	10 00	47 50
Balance in hand to pay for printing Minutes of 1850,		$12 84

Home Mission Fund.

Balance in hand at last report,	$59 31
Amount sent up this year after deducting $35 from Elm Grove church, paid Elder J. Robertson,	150 75
Amount received by E. Dodson from sundry individuals,	16 50
Total,	226 56

Credit.

By amount paid Elder Dodson, Missionary, in full for services the past year, after his deducting $14 00 for absence in attending to private matters,	186 00
Balance in hand,	$40 56

Foreign Mission Fund.

Amount of receipts for financial statement,	$27 50

Credit.

By this amount sent to Treasurer of Convention,	$27 50

N. J. PALMER, *Treasurer.*

Milton, N. C., August 15th, 1850.

APPENDIX.

[A.]

MISSIONARY'S REPORT.

During the Associational year, I have travelled 4010 miles, preached 240 sermons, and baptised 28 persons, 9 of whom were baptized in Greensborough.

I have had four bible classes in the Association, and have used my influence for the promotion of Sabbath Schools, but my success has been far below my wishes.

My receipts are as follows:

From sundry persons,	$8 25
From the white people of Greensborough,	5 75
From the coloured people of do.	2 50
For loss of time,	14 00
	$30 50

Received for the Baptist Messenger,	41	subscribers.
For the Commission,	40	do.
For the Intelligencer,	1	do.
For the Christian Review,	1	do.
For the Indian Advocate,	1	do.

From January 1844 to August 1850, I sold books to the amount of $1130.

From August 1849 to August 1850, I attended two camp-meetings, several protracted meetings, and assisted in the ordination of two ministers.

ELIAS DODSON.

[B.]

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to submit the following report.

We are happy to learn that the Foreign Missionary cause is receiving the sanction of the great Head of the church, by the many conversions that has taken place in heathen lands, during the last year.

The Southern Board has been very actively engaged in raising funds, and sending out Missionaries into Foreign fields.

We would call the special attention of our churches to the China and African Missions. We have Missionaries in both these fields, but their number should be increased as soon as possible, that these benighted nations may receive the glorious gospel of the blessed God.

We would recommend to the Pastors of the different churches composing this Association, to preach a sermon before each church in behalf of the Foreign Missionary cause, and take up public collections in the congregations and send up the funds to the next meeting of the Beulah Association, and that the money be conveyed to the Treasurer of the Southern Board.

We would recommend to the churches belonging to this Association, to hold concert prayer meetings on the first Sunday or Monday evening in each month, and that a collection be taken up every three months in behalf of the Foreign Mission funds.

The Missionary Journal, published by H. K. Ellyson, in Richmond Va., gives us full information in relation to our Missionary operations, and every Baptist family in the Beulah Association ought to take this Journal as it only cost one dolla a year. All of which is duly submitted.

JOHN ROBERTSON *Ch'm.*

[C.]

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools regret to state, that this useful institution is in a state of declension, and that this Association is doing less for its promotion, than we have been for many years. We believe that the young mind, while free from the cares of the world, should be constantly directed to the subject of religion and taught the sacred truths of the Bible. For it is a fact acknowledged by all, that the earliest impressions are the most lasting, and are apt to influence a man in every stage of life. Hence the necessity of bringing up a child in the way he should go. We believe this is the surest means of promoting the church and the great work of salvation, and of hastening the happy time when all shall be brought to a knowledge of God, and we hope to see the Baptists take more interest in future, in so noble a cause; for by promoting the cause of God, we are sure to promote the Baptist cause.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Z. A. PATILLO, *Ch'm.*

August 5th, 1850.

[D.]

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education having had the same under consideration, offer the following brief report:

That in a country like ours, distinguished for intellectual exertion and mental culture, no arguments can be necessary to set forth the importance of educating the rising generation. The utility of mental training to the young is now so generally admitted, that little or nothing more is necessary for its accomplishment, than such facilities as will put it in the power of parents to educate their children. One of the principle of these facilities is good schools, located at suitable places. The great body of our youth can never be well instructed until we have more primary schools. Good neighborhood schools are of the greatest importance to the county—they afford instruction to many who could not otherwise get it, give parents an opportunity of rearing up their children under their own inspection, and makes education much cheaper.

Some high schools are also needful as well as Colleges, for the benefit of such as wish to be classically and thoroughly educated. Your Committee however, do not believe that it is desirable for parents to attempt the classical education of their children under all circumstances. Their capacity for learning, as well as the necessary means for meeting the expense, should be taken into consideration. Much time, labor, and money have been expended in fruitless efforts, to make scholars of those who had not capacity or disposition to learn.

There is one feature in some schools within our knowledge, of increasing and somewhat alarming importance. We refer to the Sectarian influence which they are used to promote. We do not object to denominational schools, provided they are free from teachings which are sectarian, but we unhesitatingly affirm, that the peculiarities of no sect or denomination of christians should be allowed as a part of school instruction. We feel therefore bound, whenever we hear of schools avowing themselves sectarian, to raise our voices against their patronage. We as a denomination repudiate any such principles in our schools; and must appear very inconsistent to patronize and support in other schools, what we will not allow in our own.

Your Committee are happy to state, that Wake Forest College is in a more flourishing condition than it has been for several years, as the present number of students is greater than usual, and the debts of the Institution are nearly liquidated.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. J. JAMES, *Ch'm.*

August 5th, 1850.

[E.]

N. C. BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

The Committee to whom was referred the N. C. Baptist State Convention, make the following report.

That they have considered the objects of said Convention, viz. F. Missions, D. Mission and Education, and heartily recommend these subjects to the consideration of all interested in the Baptist cause in N. C. By reference to the condition of the churches in our own body, it will be seen that there is need of *action* rather than *writing*. In regard to F. Missions, many reasons present themselves, why we should give this noble cause our united support. The education of young ministers is also an object of unspeakable importance to the denomination. No qualification can take the place of piety, sincere, deep and ardent; yet it is to be regretted that there are young men who will press into the ministry without due preparation, when facilities so ample, so inviting present themselves, and funds are furnished by the friends of education, to bring these advantages within the reach of all. As the best means of advancing this object, your committee recommend a careful reading of the Bible.

This should be done from a sincere desire to learn the will of God, from a love to his word, and not simply from a sense of duty, nor from a disposition to support some favorite doctrine, but with a sincere desire to learn what God would have us do. Be assured, brethren, that our denomination can not take that position, which it should, until we are properly organized and thoroughly trained to the great work before us.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JNO. H. LACY, *Ch'm.*

[F.]

HOME MISSIONS.

This is an important institution, and should be cherished by every Baptist in N. C.

But to promote it, liberality should be encouraged on one side, and economy on the other.

Ministers can never successfully preach against covetousness among the people, while they are extravagant in their expenditure of money.

Moderate salaries should be given to missionaries, because the institution is for the great mass of the people. Said a distinguished minister, "That gospel that has not for its object the salvation of the great *mass* of the people, never had its origin in heaven, and will never fill the earth with the glory of God."

We would recommend the missionaries to procure the following works viz.

The Comprehensive Commentary, Baptist edition,	$10 00
Hornes Introduction, 4 vols.	8 00
Prideaux's connexion of Sacred and Profane History,	4 00
Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge,	4 00
Complete Works of Andrew Fuller, 3 vols.	6 00
American Alamanac for 1850.	75

A complete library for a Bible class, can be had for 62 1-2 cts. viz. Malcomb's Bible Dictionary 50 cts., and E. Lincoln's Sabbath School Class Book 12 1-2 cts.

We had church libraries, Sabbath School libraries, and ministerial libraries. But as religion is taught by example more than by precept, piety is the principle cause of ministerial success.

E. DODSON, *Ch'm.*

[G.]

REPORT ON PERIODICALS AND PUBLICATIONS.

The Committee on Periodicals and Publications, submit the following Report:

The importance of a more extended circulation of the different periodicals published by our denomination among the members and friends of the Baptist church, must be admitted by all. It is the only sure and effectual way of disseminating information in regard to the progress of Missionary efforts throughout the world, and acts as a stimulus to enlarged contributions to sustain these efforts. There are now published in North Carolina by our denomination, three periodicals. The Biblical Recorder at Raleigh—the Religious Intelligencer at Wilmington—and the Baptist Messenger at Elizabeth City, either of which we would commend to the patronage of our brethren as worthy of their support. The Committee would, however, remark, that for the purpose of concentrating the efforts of the Baptists of North Carolina, and bringing them into more familiar intercourse with each other, that they would prefer that one Periodical should be recognized by our State Convention and Associations as the authorized organ of the denomination.

In addition to the Periodicals published in our own State, the Committee would also recommend to the patronage of our members and friends, the Missionary Journal, the Commission, and the Southern Baptist Preacher, published in Richmond Virginia. The Journal and Preacher at $1,00 per annum, and the Comission monthly at 25 cents per annum, for a single copy, or five copies for one dollar. Every church should have one or more classes of subscribers to the latter publication.

The Committee would further remark, that the system of Colporteurage now long established by which the various publications and standard works of our denomination can be extensively circulated, promises the most happy results to the cause of truth and christian piety. Your Committee hope to see this noble effort encouraged and extended.

Your Committee would also recommend to the various churches belonging to the Association, to give all due encouragement to the North Carolina Baptist Publication and Sunday School Society, and to the Beulah Publication and Sunday School Society, auxilliary to the former.—By a united and zealous co-operation on the part of our churches, those Societies may effect abundant good. Meetings in behalf of the latter should be held in all our churches during the ensuing year, its objects explained by suitable addresses from the Pastor and others, and all the members invited to contribute to and become members of the same. In this way their important objects may be successfully carried out.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

N. J. Palmer, *Ch'm.*

August 5th 1850.

[H.]

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The Committee on the state of religion within the bounds of this Association having had the same under consideration, present the following report.

The letters from the churches, while they represent them them in a state of harmony and peace, indicate an unusual degree of coldness and apathy in religion. But few of the churches have enjoyed seasons of revival since the last Association, and the number added by baptism is much smaller than it has been for several years past. While we should rejoice in the harmony and good faith which continues to exist amongst the churches of this body, is it not meet that we should lament over the spirit of lukewarmness, which is beginning to appear amongst us both with ministers and private members. Your Committee cannot believe that this state of things is necessary so far as the dispensation of grace is concerned but that it results from causes within ourselves. They believe that coldness in the church is generally preceeded by inattention to the means of grace, and an unscriptural attachment to worldly pursuits.—"If any man love the world the love of the Father is not in him." But shall we rest contented with our present attainments and with what has been already accomplished. Let us not forget what God has said to us by an inspired Prophet—"Wo! to them that are at ease in Zion," and how frequently are we admonished in the word of God, to persevere in our efforts till death shall discourage.

Your Committee would suggest, as a means of promoting a revival of religion in our own heart, and of bringing to the serious consideration of the unconverted, that we endeavor to be more diligent in reading and studying the Holy Scripture, more devoted and importunate in private and family prayer, as well as in public, that we strive together to sustain the public ministration of the word by punctual attendance at the house of God, and that we should appoint at least one meeting in the year, to continue for several days, where the word of life may be freely dispersed to the people. It might also be added, that engaging in Sabbath schools, prayer meetings, and Bible classes &c., have all a happy tendency towards increasing our zeal and efficiency as christians.

Your Committee believe that the above suggestions are worthy of the serious consideration of the members of all the churches connected with this body, and should be enforced upon their attention by the most solemn considerations. The uncertainty of our lives, the shortness of time, the value of immortal souls, the cause of our crucified Redeemer, should be motives constantly operating upon us to do what we can in our master's vineyard.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. J. JAMES, *Ch'm.*

August 5th 1850.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BEULAH BIBLE SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of the Beulah Bible Society was held with the Association at Mount Hermon in Orange County on Saturday the 3rd of August, 1850.

The Proceedings of the meeting were opened by reading a portion of the sacred Scriptures and singing and prayer by Elder Stephen Pleasant, Moderator of the Association.

In the absence of the President and Vice President, Elder James was appointed President *pro. tem.*, who took the chair and called the Society to order.

The Constitution of the Society was read by the Secretary, and and the objects of its institution explained.

The report of the Treasurer was read by N. J. Palmer, and accepted by the Society.

N. J. Palmer, Z. Patillo and Azariah Graves were appointed to nominate the officers and a Board of Managers for the ensuing year, who reported the following:

Hon. Thomas Settle President—Hon. Calvin Graves, Rev. J. J. James and John Kerr, Esq., Vice Presidents—Nathaniel J. Palmer, Secretary and Treasurer, and Albert G. Stevens of Milton, Depository Agent.

BOARD OF MANAGERS LOCATED AT MILTON.

The officers of the Society with Rev. A. McDowell Chairman, Gen. B. Graves, John Kerr, Esq., Rev. John H. Lacy, A. G. Stevens, A. Timberlake, Richard Newbill, Dr LaFayette Bennett, F. Nelson, William L. Sneed, John Russell, Joseph J. Yarborough and Peyton Ambrose.

The report was unanimously concurred in by the Society.

The following resolutions were then offered by N. J. Palmer, and adopted by the Society.

Resolved, That the Officers of the Society with the Delegates of the Beulah Association to the Baptist State Convention, be, and they are hereby appointed to represent the Society in the annual meeting of the State Society at Louisburg, in October next.

Resolved, That the disposition of the funds of the Society be committed to the Board of Managers at Milton.

The Rev. John H. Lacy, of Milton, was appointed to deliver the next annual address, or sermon, before the Society.

The following resolution was then offered, and after remarks by Elders John H. Lacy, J. P. Montague, John Robertson, Stephen Pleasant and Elias Dodson, was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That every destitute family within the bounds of the Beulah Association, ought speedily to be supplied with the word of God.

On motion, brother Azariah Graves, John H. Lacy and Z. Patillo, were appointed a Committee to wait on the Congregation, and receive the names of members and contributors to the funds of the Society, who reported a considerable accession to the list of members, and the sum of $15 21 cts. contributed to the funds of the Society.

The Society then adjourned. Prayer by Elder George W. Purify.

J. J. JAMES, *President Pro. Tem.*

N. J. PALMER, *Secretary.*

LIST OF NEW MEMBERS.

L. Bennett, H. Merritt, H. C. Strowd, W. Lunsford, Capt. John Berry, Rev. John A. McMorin, Elizabeth Patillo, Alvis Lea, S. P. Norris, J. Oaks, William Russell, John Redding, T. S. Faucett, E. Faucett, Stinceon Ivey, John W. Hunter, George W. Purify, Z. A. Patillo, Thomas W. Graves, John Matloch, William Dade, Stephen Wilkerson, A. H. Barnes, J. Younger, Wm. Freeland, Isabelle Russell, Isabelle Howard.

ANNUAL SUBCSRIPTIONS RENEWED.

Paid Elder Elias Dodson,	$1 00
,, Stephen Pleasant,	50
,, N. J. Palmer,	50
,, J. J. James,	50
,, John Robertson,	50
	$2 00

All orders for Bibles and Testaments, to be addressed to A. G. Stevens, Agent, Milton, N. C.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE BEULAH BIBLE SOCIETY, AUXILLIARY TO THE N. C. BAPTIST BIBLE SOCIETY.

Article 1st. This Society shall be called the Beulah Baptist Bible Society, auxilliary to the North Carolina Baptist Bible Society.

Art. 2d. The objects of the Society shall be to supply our own destitution first, and with our surplus funds to aid the parent Society.

Art. 3d. The members of the Society shall consist of such persons as contribute annually to its funds, and by the payment of ten dollars, any one may become a life member.

Art. 4th.. The Officers shall be a President, three Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and Depository Agent, all of whom shall be chosen annually, who, with a Board of Managers, shall be competent to transact all business in the intervals of the Society's meetings, five of whom shall constitute a quorum.

Art. 5th. The annual meetings of the Society shall be held with the Beulah Association. Intermediate meetings may be called by the

President or two of the Vice Presidents

Art. 6*th*. The Board of Managers may appoint distributing or collecting Agents, and must make an annual report to the Society, of their proceedings.

Art. 7*th*. This Constitution shall be subject to amendment, by a majority of the votes, at a regular meeting of the Society.

TREASURERS REPORT.

N. J. Palmer, Treasurer, in account with the Beulah Bible Society.

August, 1850.

Amount of cash in hand at last report,	$18 80
Amount of collections and subscriptions at a meeting held in Hillsborough, in September 1849.	9 91
Amount of sale of Bibles by Dr. Shaw,	51
	$29 22
CREDIT.	
By amount paid towards printing Minutes of Association for 1849.	5 00
Balance in hand,	$24 22

Respectfully submitted,

N. J. PALMER, *Treasurer.*

N. B. The above does not include the amount received at the Association of 1850, that will be embraced in the next report.

BEULAH PUBLICATION & SUNDAY SCHOOL SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of this Society, being the first since its organization, was held with the Beulah Association at Mount Hermon Meeting House, commencing on Friday the 2nd of August 1850.

In the absence of Dr. W. A. Shaw the President, the chair was taken by Azariah Graves, first Vice President, who called the Society to order.

The proceedings were opened with prayer by the Rev. J. J. James of Caswell.

The report of A. G. Stevens the Treasurer, was presented and read by N. J. Palmer, and accepted by the Society.

On motion a Committee was appointed to nominate Officers and a Board of Managers, who reported the following, N. J. Palmer, Esq., President.

Azariah GraΛes, Archibald McDowell and Sidney G. Lea, Vice Presidents.

Elder John H. Lacy, Secretary, and Albert G. Stevens, Treasurer and Depository Agent.

BOARD OF MANAGERS LOCATED AT MILTON, N. C.

The Officers of the Society with Gen. B. Graves, John Kerr, Esq., E. Dodson, Augustus Timberlake, Dr. LaFayette Bennett, J. J. Yarborough, Richard Newbill, W. L. Sneed, John Russell, F. Nelson, Dr. S. Powell and Peyton Ambrose.

The report was unanimously concurred in by the Society.

On motion the Hon. Calvin Graves was appointed to deliver the next annual address before the Society.

A Committee was appointed to wait on the congregation and receive a list of new members to the Society, and also such contributions as may be made, who report a respectable accession to the list of members, contributions and subscriptions to the amount of $12, 50 cents.

On motion the Society adjourned to meet at the Baptist Church in Hillsborough on to-morrow evening at early candle light. Prayer by the Rev. John Robertson.

Attest, A. GRAVES, 1st *Vice President.*
JOHN H. LACY, *Secretary.*

HILLSBOROUGH, Saturday evening, August 3d, 1850.

The Society met in the Baptist Church in Hillsborough according to adjournment, the President took the Chair and called the Society to order, and its proceedings were opened ofter reading the 19th Psalm. Singing and Prayer by Rev. John H. Lacy.

The Constitution of the Society was then read by the Secretary.

The following resolutions were then offered and adopted.

Resolved, That the Officers of the Society together with the Delegates to the North Caaolina Baptist State Convention are hereby appointed to represent the Society at the next annual meeting of the Parent State Society to be held at Louisburg in October next.

Resolved, That the disposition of the funds of the Society be committed to the Board of Managers.

Resolved, That all of the churches connected with the Beulah Association, be, and they are hereby earnestly requested to establish Sabbath schools in their respective Churches, apply to the Depository for books, and to have one or more meetings of the Society among them the ensuing year, and raise funds for its support.

The following resolution was offered by the President, and supported with suitable addresses by Elders Dodson, Montague, Lacy, and the mover, when it was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the general circulation of religious books and tracts will be a valuable auxiliary to the success of the preached gospel.

A Committee having been appointed to wait on the congregation, they received an accession to the list of members.

The Society then adjourned. Prayer by Rev. E. Dodson.

N. J. PALMER, *President.*

JOHN H. LACY, *Secretary.*

New list of Contributors to the Society.

William Russell, N. J. Palmer, J. W. Hart, A. Graves, Stinceon Ivey, A. V. Pratt, J. J. James, Z. A. Patillo, H. McNeil, John C. Lewis, W. J. Moore, A. H. Barnes, F. R. Durham, L. Bennett, Mrs. E. Washington, Ann Moore, Alvis Durham, John Robertson, C.P. Horn, W. B. Durham, H. C. Strowd, Wm. L Faulker, John H. Lacy, John Redding, S. S. Lea, S. Pleasant, E. Dodson, J. B. Pleasant, Margaret Woods, F. J. Freeland.

N. B. Those having contributions to make to the Society or subscriptions to the Society can make their remittance to A. G. Stevens Treasurer, Milton, N. C. Orders for Books can also be addressed to him.

CONSTITUTION

Of the Beulah Publication and Sunday School Society.

Article 1st. This Society shall be called the Beulah Publication and Sunday School Society, and shall be auxilliary to the North Carolina Baptist Publication and Sunday School Society.

Art 2d. The objects of the Society shall be the establishment of a Depository of religious Books and Tracts, at some convenient point within the bounds of the Beulah Association, where our Sabbath Schools and Churches and others, may be supplied at a cheap rate, with suitable religious books and publications. Also, all proper encouragement given to the establishment of Sabbath Schools, in every Church and neighborhood.

Art. 3d. The Officers of the Society shall be a President, three Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and Depository Agent, with a Board of Managers, to be annually elected, or appointed by the Society.

Art. 4th. The Society shall hold its annual meetings with the Beulah Association, and some one shall be selected annually to deliver an address or sermon before it. Intermediate meetings, may be called by the President, or two of the Vice Presidents.

Art. 5th. Any one may become a member of the Society by contributing the sum of fifty cents or more, annually, to its funds; or by the payment of ten dollars at any one time, become a life member.

Art. 6th. The Board of Managers may have the disposition of the funds of the Society, in the interval of its annual meetings, and appoint one or more agents or colporteurs, and fix their compensation. Five members of the Board shall constitute a quorum to do business.

Art. 7th. The Board of Managers must make an annual report to the society of their operations.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

A. G. Stevens Treasurer of Beulah Publication and Sunday School Society.

August 1st, 1850. In account with the Society, Dr.

In cash received for subscriptions to date,		$30 00
Do for sales of books,		23 01
		$53 01
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1849, Sep. 19th.		
By cash paid for books,	$30 03	
Freight and postage,	1 65	
Amount of books in Depository,	6 99	
Cash paid towards printing Minutes of Association,	5 00	$43 67
Balance in hand,		$9 34

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. STEVENS, *Treasurer.*

N. B. The above does not include the amount received at the Association of 1850. That will be embraced in the next report.

The Constitution of the Beulah Baptist Association.

ARTICLE 1st. This Association shall be called the Beulah Baptist Association.

2d. This Association shall be composed of—*first*—all the ordained Ministers who are members of, or have the pastoral charge of the Churches within this Associational District, who shall be members of the Association, *ex officio*. *Secondly*—Not more than three delegates from each Church within the district aforesaid, who shall produce letters from the churches certifying their appointment; in which said letters shall be stated the numerical standing of said churches—showing their additions, losses and changes of membership, since the last annual Association·

3d. The Association shall be held at least once a year, at such time and place as they may appoint; and shall be opened and closed with prayer.

4th. The officers of the Association shall be, a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer; the two last officers, however, may be held by the same individuals, should such be the pleasure of the Association.

5th. The officers aforesaid shall be chosen at each *Annual Session* of the Association, by ballot or nomination, as may be the pleasure of a majority of the members. And the Clerk shall be deemed to continue in office until another is appointed; and shall at all times perform the duties of Treasurer, unless another individual be appointed to the latter office.

6th. The Association shall have no right to interfere with the internal regulations of the Churches, but may tender to them advice; and in case any of them should become corrupt in doctrine or practice—

exclude such from their fellowship. And shall also have the power to adopt such measures as may be deemed proper to promote the interest of the Redeemer's kingdom.

7th. All Committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

8th. A Committee of arrangements shall be appointed, of which the Moderator and Clerk shall be members, *ex officio*.

9th. It shall be the duty of the Committee of arrangements to prepare the business of the Association, and to consider the expediency or inexpediency of bringing any matter proposed before the Association. The action of the Committee, however, in relation to any matter shall not be conclusive, and any matter, or proposition, which may be rejected by them, may be brought before the Association, by any member thereof, who may not concur in their decision.

10th. It shall be the duty of the Association to deliberate on the matter prepared by the Committee, whether queries or propositions from the churches, or suggestions from the Committee, and to make such responses, and offer such council, as may be deemed fit and proper.

11th. The Association may invite Baptist Ministers, (who may be present,) to a seat in their body, who shall be admitted to the privileges of counsel and debate only.

12th. The power of appointing Presbyteries for the ordination of Ministers, and the Constitution of churches within this district, shall be vested in this Association. And it shall be the duty of the Association, at each annual Session, to appoint a standing Presbytery, to attend to all requests from the Churches, relating to these matters, during the succeeding Associational year, and until another Presbytery shall be appointed.

13th. This Association may have a Board of Managers to be composed of one member from each church, together with the ordained ministers of this Association, whose duty it shall be to transact all business committed to it by the Association from one annual meeting to another, and present at each meeting of the Association, a faithful report of all its proceedings. It may also recommend in its report, any measures of interest or importance to the consideration of the Association. And after the present year, the lay members of the said Board shall be appointed by the Association, upon the nomination of their respective churches, provided the churches choose to exercise such right, but in default of such nomination by the churches, the Association shall have power to fill the Board, without such nominations. And seven members shall constitute a quorum of said Board, and the officers of the Board shall be such as it may choose to appoint, and it shall also have the power to regulate the time and place of its own meetings.

14th. This Constitution may be altered or amended, at annual meetings of the Association, by a vote of *two-thirds* of the whole body.

RULES OF ORDER AND DECORUM.

1st. The Moderator shall take the Chair every day during the Session, at the hour appointed at the adjournment, and call the members to order, and on the appearance of a quorum, cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read.

2d. He shall preserve decorum and order, shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Association by any member.

3d. He shall rise to put a question, but may state it sitting. He shall have the right to call any member to perform the duties of the chair temporarily.

4th. The Moderator shall not vote on any question, unless the Association be equally divided.

5th. He shall not speak in debate while occupying the chair, but may call another to the chair, and then he shall have the privilege of speaking, in common with any other member.

6th. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Association, he shall rise from his seat, and address himself to the Moderator.

7th. When two or more members *rise* at the same time, the Moderator shall name the member to speak first.

8th. No member shall speak more than twice to the same question, without leave of the Association.

9th. No member shall absent himself, finally, from the Association without leave.

10th. Decency of speech shall be observed—and *personal* reflections carefully avoided.

11th. Whilst the Moderator is putting any question, or addressing the Association, no person shall speak, stand up, or walk out, or across the house. Nor when a member is speaking, entertain private discourse, stand up, or pass between him and the Moderator.

12th. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, but to adjourn—to lay on the table—to postpone indefinitely—to postpone to a day certain—to commit or to amend; which several motions shall have precedence, in the order in which they stand arranged.

13th. All Committees shall consist of three members, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

14th. A select Committee shall be appointed, on the first day of the Association, to select the ministers who are to preach on Saturday and the succeeding days of the meeting, and give notice thereof to the respective ministers, whose duty it shall be to conform to the arrangements thus made.

15th. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be put by the Moderator, unless withdrawn by the mover.

16th. No standing rule shall be rescinded, altered, or suspended, unless by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

17th. The Constitution and Rules of Decorum and Order, shall be read on Saturday of each Session of the Association.

MINUTES

OF THE

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

BEULAH
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT

MT. HERMON M. H., ORANGE Co., N. C.

August 2---5, 1850.

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Officers of the Association.

Elder Stephen Pleasant, of Person, *Moderator.*
N. J. Palmer, of Milton, *Stated Clerk.*
Elder John H. Lacy, of Milton, *Assistant Clerk.*

TRUSTEES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Jasper C. Davis, of Stokes co.,
Aaron Barrow, of Forsyth,
J. M. Lindsay, of Rockingham,
Calvin Graves, of Caswell,
Thomas D. Oldham, of Orange,
Dr. G. S. Dejarnette, of Guilford,
Obediah Faulkner, of Person.

According to the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly of North Carolina, all donations or bequests for the objects of the Association or the Trustees connected with it, can be given to and held by the Trustees appointed in trust for the benefit of the objects contemplated by the donor or devisor.

PROCEEDINGS, &C.

Mount Hermon M. H., N. C., Aug. 2nd, 1850.

The Members of the Beulah Association met with the Baptist Church at this place, according to adjournment. In the absence of Dr. Wm. A. Shaw, appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon at the last meeting, the opening sermon was preached by Elder John Robertson, of Rockingham, from the 24th chapter of the gospel by St. Matthew, 14th verse.

After the conclusion of the sermon and a short intermission, prayer was offered by Elder John H. Lacy, of Milton.

The members of the Association were then called to order by Elder S. Pleasant, Moderator of the last meeting, when on the list of churches being called, it appeared the following delegates were appointed to represent them.

Beulah—*Walker H. Lunsford, and *William Morgan.

Clement—Stephen Wilkerson, Joseph Coleman and Thomas R. Glenn.

Cane Creek—Thomas D. Oldham, John Moore and *Sidney Whitted.

Elm Grove—*William Highfield, Isaac Cates, and *Dr. George S. Dejarnette.

Ephesus—William M. Faulkner, *Joseph Moore and *Obediah Faulkner.

Friendship—Calvin I. Carroll, Sidney Tedder and *John W. Gibson.

Goodwill—*Aaron Barrow, *Robert Hutchins, and *Robert Jones.

Hogan's Creek—Andrew Martin, John Matlock, and *James Pirtle.

Judson—*Julius Ferrell.

Kerr's Chapel—Thos. W. Graves, Hosea McNiell, and William J. Moore.

Leaksville—*A. H. Barnes, *Joseph Covington, and *G. H. Chaplin.

Milton—Nathaniel J. Palmer, La Fayette Barrett, and *Albert G. Stevens.

Madison—Stinson Ivey, *A. P. Smith, and *J. M. Lindsay.

Mount Hermon—A. Durham, A. C. Hunter, and Thomas S. Faucett.

Mill Creek—John W. Hunt, Josephus Younger, and Robert S. Davie.

Mount Airy—Elias Dodson.

Mar's Hill—John Redding, H. C. Strowd, and Wm. Ward.

Trinity—A Graves, William Slade and William Russell.

Yanceyville—Sidney S. Lea, Wm. Lea, and Zachariah Patillo.

Ordained Ministers who are ex officio members of the Association.—Elders *Samuel Wait, D. D., Stephen Pleasant, J. J. James, John Robertson, Elias Dodson, John H. Lacy, *Archibald McDowell, *Charles Duncan, George W. Purify, *Julius Ferrell, *Thomas King, Jesse Howell and *A. D. Blackwood.

(The Ministers and members of the Association marked thus, * were absent.)

It appearing that a majority of the churches were represented, the Association proceeded to the election of a Moderator, when Elder Stephen Pleasant, was *unanimously* re-elected Moderator.

Elder John H. Lacy, was appointed Assistant Clerk.

Correspondents from sister Associations were invited to take seats with us, when brother S. P. Norris, and John C. Lewis from the Raleigh Association appeared with copies of their Minutes, and were invited to take seats with us.

Brother James P. Montague appeared, and was received as a correspondent from the Flat River Association.

On motion, the following brethren were appointed a Committee of Finance, to wit: Thomas W. Graves, Z. Patillo and Azariah Graves.

On motion, a Committee of Arrangements were appointed, consisting of Elder J. J. James, William Russell, Sidney S. Lea, with the Moderator and Clerk.

On motion, brother N. J. Palmer, William J. Moore, Alvis Durham, A. C. Hunter and Thomas S. Faucett, were appointed a Committee to arrange the religious exercises during the Association.

On motion, the following Committees were appointed.

On Sabbath Schools—A. C. Hunter, Z. Patillo, Isaac Oakes.

On Education—Elder J. J. James, Thomas W. Graves, Thomas D. Oldham.

North Carolina Baptist State Convention—John H. Lacy, Azariah Graves, William J. Moore.

On Foreign Missions—Elder John Robertson, Sidney S. Lea, John Moore.

Home Missions—Elder Elias Dodson, John W. Hunt, Stinson Ivey.

On Publications and Periodicals—N. J. Palmer, Wm. Russell, William Slade.

On motion of Elder J. J. James, a Committee was appointed to inquire into the State of Religion in the bounds of this Association, and to suggest such measures as they think most beneficial to promote the cause of God for promoting a revival of religion in the bounds of the Beulah Association—Committee to consist of Elders J. J. James, John H. Lacy, Elias Dodson, John Robertson, Brethren William Russell and Thomas W. Graves. On motion the Moderator was added to the Committee.

On motion the Association agreed to give way at ten o'clock, P. M. on to-morrow, to a meeting of the Beulah Bible Society.

On motion the Association agreed to adjourn until to-morrow morning nine o'clock, in order that the Beulah Publication and Sunday School Society may hold its anniversary meeting.

Brother N. J. Palmer, the Secretary notified the Association, that in consequence of his holding the office of Secretary of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and a press of other business, that he would at the meeting of the Association in the morning, resign his office as Clerk of the Association.

The Association then adjourned after some appropriate remarks, and prayer by the Moderator.

Preaching at the stand by brother Stinson Ivey.

SATURDAY, Aug. 31, 1850.

The Association met according to adjournment, and its proceedings were opened after reading a portion of the Scriptures and singing and prayer by Elder J. P. Montague.

The Roll of Members was then called, and the proceedings of yesterday read by the Clerk.

The Committee of arrangements reported, and the report was adopted.

Corresponding messengers from sister Associations were called on to report, and did so as far as they were present, which reports were satisfactory.

Elder William Jones, General Agent of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, appeared and was invited to a seat in the Association.

The letters from all the Churches belonging to the Association, were then read except the Judson, and from that church a letter was presented and read, from Elder Julius Ferrell.

A letter was presented and read from brother J. H. Caudle, a licentiate of the Friendship Church, in Stokes county, in relation to the state of religion and the Ministry there, and urging the Association to re-appoint, Elder Elias Dodson as their Missionary, which was laid on the table for the present.

Elder J. J. James offered the following preamble and resolution, in regard to the death of Elder Zachariah Neal, which was read and unanimously adopted, after remarks by Elders James, Robertson, Pleasant, and brother Thomas W. Graves.

Whereas, the Association have learned with regret, the death of our beloved Bro. Zachariah Neal, who was a regular Minister of our church: Therefore, *Resolved*, That in the death of our esteemed brother, the ministry have lost a pious and faithful laborer, and the church one of its most devoted members, and that this Body tender their sympathy to his bereaved family.

The Association then proceeded to consider the requests contained in the church letters from the Leaksville, Elm Grove and Goodwill churches, for a division of the Association. After remarks by Elder J. Robertson, Brother T. W. Graves, Elder J. J. James, bro. N. J. Palmer, Elders William Jones, John H. Lacy, brother Steph. Wilkerson, and the Moderator, on motion, the subject of a division was unanimously postponed.

Agreeably to notice given on yesterday, brother N. J. Palmer tendered his resignation of the office of Clerk of the Association, when, after remarks from different members, on motion, he was unanimously requested to continue his services for the present, which he consented to do.

Delegates to the Convention, and Correspondents to sister Associations, were called on to report. Brother N. J. Palmer made a report in behalf of the Delegates to the Convention, which was received as satisfactory.

Correspondents to sister Associations also reported, which reports was received.

The Association then proceeded to appoint Correspondents to sister Associations, when the following were appointed.

To Sandy Creek Association—George W. Purify, T. D. Oldham, John Moore and N. J. Palmer.

To the Roanoke Association—Elder John H. Lacy, A. McDowell, LaFayette Bennett, Joseph J. Yarborough, and Dr. S. Powell.

To Dan River Association—Elder J. J. James, John H. Lacy, N. J. Palmer, A. McDowell, Richard Newbill and William J. Moore.

To the Liberty Association—Elder J. Robertson, James Lanier, Dr. J. S. Dejarnette, Elder J. J. James, Brethren J. N. Wood, N. J. Palmer, and Elder Charles Duncan.

To the Yadkin Association—Elder Julius Ferrell, J. W. Gibson, Elders J. J. James, John Robertson, Charles Duncan and brethren Felix Johnson, and Charles Whetlock.

Flat River—Brethren Simon Gentry, Elders J. J. James, Samuel Wait, Elias Dodson and Z. Patillo.

Raleigh—Elder S. Wait, Jesse Howell, and brethren Alvis Durham, A. C. Hunter, and Robert B. Jones.

The following persons were appointed Delegates to the next session of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, to be held in Louisburg, Franklin county, N. C., commencing on Thursday before the third Sabbath in October next. Brethren Calvin Graves, John Kerr, N. J. Palmer, Elders S. Wait, J. J. James, John Robertson, Elias Dodson, John H. Lacy, Stephen Pleasant, George W. Purify, A. McDowell, Jesse Howell, A. D. Blackwood, Stinson

Ivey, Dr. G. S. Dejarnette, Robert B. Jones, Bedford Brown jun., H. C. Strowd, I. B. Pleasant, Z. Patillo, Wm. M. Faulkner, R. Newbill, Benj. J. Lea, Azariah Graves, William Russell, John W. Hunt, J. M. Russell, S. S. Lea, Dr. S. Powell, T. W. Graves, T. D. Oldham, Stephen Wilkerson and James Strayhorn. Any member of the Association that may find it convenient to attend, can be substituted in the place of such Delegates as may be absent.

The Association then proceeded to appoint the time and place of meeting of the next Association, when on motion and petition, the Association agreed to hold its next session with the church at Goodwill in Forsythe County, N. C., commencing on Friday before the 3d Sabbath in August, 1850. Elder James was appointed to preach the Introductory sermon, Elder S. Pleasant his alternate, and Elder J. H. Lacy, of Milton, to preach the Missionary on Sabbath.

The Presbytery of the Beulah Association, by Elder Pleasant, made a report as to the ordination of Brethren John H. Lacy and Archibald McDowell by request of the Baptist Church in Milton, N. C., and also by Elder Robertson, as to the ordination of Brother Charles Duncan, by request of the church at Madison, by a Presbytery of the Association.

The following resolution was offered by Elder George W. Purify, and *unanimously* adopted.

Resolved, That the churches belonging to this Association are requested to send their Candidates for Ordination up to the annual meetings of the Association for the action of the Presbytery of the Association.

On motion of bro. N. J. Palmer,

Resolved, That all of the ordained Ministers belonging to the Association, or who are Pastors of churches within the bounds of the Association, constitute the standing Presbytery of the Association for the ensuing year, three members to constitute a quorum for business.

On motion, *Resolved*, That Elder William Jones, General Agent of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, be requested on to-morrow to explain the objects of the Convention, and take up a public collection in aid of the funds of the Convention.

The Association then adjourned until Monday morning 9 o'clock, to give place to a meeting of the Beulah Bible Society. Benediction by the Moderator.

N. B. Sermons at the stand to day, by Elders Dodson, Jones and Montague.

SUNDAY, Aug. 4th, 1950.

At nine o'clock A. M., there was an Associational prayer meeting held in the church, conducted by Elders Robertson and Dodson.

At ten o'clock A M., the services at the stand commenced with a sermon from Elder John H. Lacy, from 2nd Epistle of Peter, 1st chapter 16th verse. The Missionary sermon was then preached by Elder J. J. James, agreeable to appointment of the last Association, from 11th chapter of Isaiah, and part of the 9th verse. "For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." Elder Jones, Agent of the Convention, agreeable to appointment, commenced an explanation of the objects of the Convention, but was prevented by a shower of rain. Most of the congregation repaired to the house, where after a short intermission a sermon was preached by Elder S. Pleasant from Hebrews 12th ch. 25th verse.

At early candle light Elder Jesse Howell preached in the church, when a number came forward enquiring "what they should do to be saved." A large congregation was in attendance throughout the day, who appeared much interested in the services.

Monday, August, 5th, 1850.

The Association met according to adjournment, and its proceedings were opened after singing and prayer, by Elder James.

In the absence of the Moderator, brother Azariah Graves was appointed Moderator, *pro tem.*

The roll of members was then called, and the proceedings of Saturday read.

Brother Z. Patillo from the committee of Finance, made their report, which was received, ordered to be published with the Minutes, and the committee discharged.

The Moderator appeared and took his seat.

Elder John Robertson from the Committee on Foreign Missions, made a report which was seconded by brother N. J. Palmer, accompanied with remarks, urging every church in the Association to raise at least the amount of ten dollars for Foreign Missions, and send it up by a delegate to the Convention. Remarks were also made by Elder James and brother Z. Patillo, when the report was adopted and ordered to be published in the Minutes. (See letter B.)

Elder Elias Dodson, Missionary of the Beulah Association made his annual report, which was received, and on motion, ordered to be published with the Minutes, (See letter A.) and on further motion, Elder Elias Dodson was *unanimously* recommended to the North Carolina Baptist State Convention for re-appointment on the same terms as last year, the Association pledging themselves to provide for his support.

On motion of brother N. J. Palmer, *Resolved*—That Jasper C. Davis of Stokes county, Dr. G. S. Dejarnette of Guilford, Aaron Barrow of Forsythe, J. M. Lindsay of Rockingham, Calvin Graves of Caswell, Thomas D. Oldham of Orange, and Obediah Faulkner of Person, he and they are hereby appointed Trustees of the Beulah Association according to the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly of North Carolina in relation to Religious Societies, and that they be authorized to receive and manage donations and bequests given to the Association or the Societies connected with it.

Ordered,—That Elder Elias Dodson, the Missionary of the Association exercise his discretion as to the field of labor within or near the bounds of this Association.

On motion of Elder John H. Lacy, brother J. H. Caudle was appointed a Missionary to labor with Elder Elias Dodson for one month in the bounds of this Association, at a salary of $16 67 cts. per. month.

Brother N. J. Palmer offered the following preamble and resolution which was read and unanimously adopted:

Whereas some of our churches, particularly in the western bounds of this Association have of late been imposed on by itinerating persons representing themselves as Baptist Ministers, without any authority for assuming this character, therefore—

Resolved, That our churches be, and they are hereby respectfully requested not to receive and recognize any one as a Baptist Minister, without his producing satisfactory credentials of his authority to preach, unless he is known to some of the members as a preacher of regular standing in the church to which he belongs.

Brother Z. A. Patillo from the committee on Sabbath Schools made a report which was read, and on motion, unanimously adopted and ordered to be published in the Minutes. (See letter C.)

Elder James from the committee on Education, made a report which was read, and after remarks by brother N. J. Palmer, Elder William Jones and Elder James, was unanimously adopted and ordered to be published with the Minutes. (See letter D.)

Elder John H. Lacy from the committee on the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, made a report which was read, and after remarks by Elder Lacy, adopted unanimously, and ordered to be published with the Minutes. (See letter E.)

Elder Elias Dodson, from the Committee on Home Missions, made a report which was read, and after remarks by Elders Lacy and Jones, was read and adopted. See letter (F.)

Brother N. J. Palmer from the Committee on Periodicals and Publications, made a report which was read, and after remarks by him and brother Montague, was adopted and ordered to be published with the Minutes. (See letter G.)

Elder James from the Committee appointed to inquire into the State of Religion in the bounds of the Beulah Association, and to suggest such measures as they think most beneficial to promote the cause of God, made a report which was read and unanimously adopted and ordered to be published with the Minutes. See letter (H.)

On motion, it was ordered that one thousand copies of the Minutes be published, under the direction of the Clerk, and distributed among the churches, and that he be allowed the usual compensation for his services.

On motion of Elder John Robertson, it was Resolved, That Friday before the 4th Sabbath in October, be set apart as a day of fasting and prayer to Almighty God for a revival of Religion in the bounds of this Association, and that all of our churches be, and they are hereby requested, to observe the same.

On motion of bro. T. W. Graves, it was unanimously, Resolved, That the thanks of the Association be, and they are hereby presented to the brethren and friends in the vicinity of Mount Hermon Church, for their kindness and hospitality extended to the members of the Association during this session amongst them.

The Association having gone through with all of its business in great harmony, after singing the parting Hymn commencing "Blest be the tie that binds," &c, adjourned *sine die*, prayer by Elder G. W. Purify, and benediction by the Moderator. The next session to be held with the Goodwill church, Forsyth county, commencing on Friday before the 3d Sabbath in September 1851.

STEPHEN PLEASANT *Moderator.*

N. J. PALMER *Clerk.*

N. B. There was preaching at the Stand to-day by Elder Robertson and Dodson, and the closing sermon, by Elder William Jones, Agent of the Convention, followed by a collection, in behalf of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, amounting to $16, 75 cts. which was paid over to Elder Jones.

Form of a Bequest to the Association.

I do hereby devise and bequeath to the Trustees of the Beulah Association the sum of   to be paid by my executor within two years after my decease, (or after the death of my widow, as the case may be) (to be applied to Home or Foreign Missions, the Bible or Publication and Sunday School Society, as the donor may direct.)

Statistical Table.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Rec'd by baptism.	Rec'd by letter.	Dism'd by letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	Mission Fund. Association	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.
Beulah,			2			17	$1 00	$20 00	$9 00
Clement,					1	43	2 00	5 62	
Cane Creek,	55		6	3	3	244	3 00		
Ephesus,	11	1	1		3	123	2 00	10 75	
Elm Grove,	14			1		29	1 00	35 00	5 00
Friendship,	8		1	3		58	1 00	4 20	3 00
Goodwill,	9					53	1 00		
Hogan's Creek,		3	1	3	1	49	1 00	1 50	
Judson,						9			
Kerr's Chapel,			2			20	2 57	11 00	1 00
Leaksville,			3	1		60	2 00	5 93	
Mar's Hill,	22			2	1	102	2 00		
Milton,	7	3	3	1	2	115	3 00	5 00	
Madison,	4	3		2		119	4 00	75	
Mill Creek,	17			1		88	2 07	6 25	
Mount Airy,	2					13	1 00	16 50	2 00
Mount Hermon,	23	3	1	2		69	2 00	2 00	
Trinity,			13	2		33	3 00	27 00	
Yanceyville,	1	2	2	4	4	85	4 00	34 25	7 50
Total,	173	15	35	25	15	1329	37 64	185 75	27 50

A LIST OF CHURCHES, &C.

NAMES OF CH'ES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	P. O. OF CLERKS.
Beulah,	Iverson B Pleasants,	Elias Dodson,	Leasburg, N C
Clement,	Thomas R Glenn,	Stephen Pleasant,	Gordenton "
Cane Creek,	Thomas D Oldham,	G W Purify,	Hillsborough, "
Ephesus,	O Faulkner,	J J James,	Cunningham's St.
Elm Grove,	G S DeJarnette,	John Robertson,	Bruce X Roads,
Friendship,	Henry Ferguson,	Elias Dodson,	Germantown N.C.
Goodwill,	Aaron Barrow,	John Robertson,	Belews Creek, "
Hogan's Creek,	James Pirtle,	Elias Dodson,	Reidsville, "
Judson,	M R Moore,	Elias Dodson,	Danbury, "
Kerr's Chapel,	Thomas W Graves,	S Pleasant,	Stony Creek, "
Leaksville,	G H Chaplin,	Charles Duncan,	Leaksville, "
Mar's Hill,	H C Strowd,	A D Blackwood,	Hillsborough, "
Madison,	J M New,	John Robertson,	Madison, "
Milton,	Barzilai Graves,	John H Lacy,	Milton, "
Mill Creek,	John W Hunt,	Stephen Pleasant,	Roxborough, "
Mount Airy,	Felix Johnson,	Elias Dodson,	Mount Airy, "
Mount Hermon,	Alvis Durham,	Jesse Howell,	Hillsborough, "
Trinity,	John H Lacy,	William Slade,	Locust Hill, "
Yanceyville,	Samuel Wait, D D	Phillip Hadnett,	Yanceyville, "
Greensborough, Branch of Madison Church,	J J James, and E Dodson,	E W Wood,	Greensborough "

EDUCATION FUND.

Beulah church $21—of which amount $20 paid to Wake Forest College to relieve it from debt and $1 to Education Society.

BIBLE SOCIETY FUND.		PUB. AND SUNDAY SCHOOL SOCIETY.
Beulah Church,	$1 00	$1 50

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE ASSOCIATION.

August 5th, 1850.

Association Fund.

Amount in hand at last report,		$12 70
Received from Beulah Bible Society towards printing Minutes,		5 00
Do. from Beulah Publication and Sunday School Society,		5 00
Do. from churches sent up this year,		37 64
		$60 34

Credit.

By amount paid T. Meredith for printing Minutes of 1849,	$37 50	
Clerks allowance for services,	10 00	47 50
Balance in hand to pay for printing Minutes of 1850,		$12 84

Home Mission Fund.

Balance in hand at last report,	$59 31
Amount sent up this year after deducting $35 from Elm Grove church, paid Elder J. Robertson,	150 75
Amount received by E. Dodson from sundry individuals,	16 50
Total,	226 56

Credit.

By amount paid Elder Dodson, Missionary, in full for services the past year, after his deducting $14 00 for absence in attending to private matters,	186 00
Balance in hand,	$40 56

Foreign Mission Fund.

Amount of receipts for financial statement,	$27 50

Credit.

By this amount sent to Treasurer of Convention,	$27 50

N. J. PALMER, *Treasurer.*

Milton, N. C., August 15th, 1850.

APPENDIX.

[A.]

MISSIONARY'S REPORT.

During the Associational year, I have travelled 4010 miles, preached 240 sermons, and baptised 28 persons, 9 of whom were baptized in Greensborough.

I have had four bible classes in the Association, and have used my influence for the promotion of Sabbath Schools, but my success has been far below my wishes.

My receipts are as follows:

From sundry persons,	$8 25
From the white people of Greensborough,	5 75
From the coloured people of do.	2 50
For loss of time,	14 00
	$30 50

Received for the Baptist Messenger,	41	subscribers.
For the Commission,	40	do.
For the Intelligencer,	1	do.
For the Christian Review,	1	do.
For the Indian Advocate,	1	do.

From January 1844 to August 1850, I sold books to the amount of $1130.

From August 1849 to August 1850, I attended two camp-meetings, several protracted meetings, and assisted in the ordination of two ministers.

ELIAS DODSON.

[B.]

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to submit the following report.

We are happy to learn that the Foreign Missionary cause is receiving the sanction of the great Head of the church, by the many conversions that has taken place in heathen lands, during the last year.

The Southern Board has been very actively engaged in raising funds, and sending out Missionaries into Foreign fields.

We would call the special attention of our churches to the China and African Missions. We have Missionaries in both these fields, but their number should be increased as soon as possible, that these benighted nations may receive the glorious gospel of the blessed God.

We would recommend to the Pastors of the different churches composing this Association, to preach a sermon before each church in behalf of the Foreign Missionary cause, and take up public collections in the congregations and send up the funds to the next meeting of the Beulah Association, and that the money be conveyed to the Treasurer of the Southern Board.

We would recommend to the churches belonging to this Association, to hold concert prayer meetings on the first Sunday or Monday evening in each month, and that a collection be taken up every three months in behalf of the Foreign Mission funds.

The Missionary Journal, published by H. K. Ellyson, in Richmond Va., gives us full information in relation to our Missionary operations, and every Baptist family in the Beulah Association ought to take this Journal as it only cost one dolla a year. All of which is duly submitted.

JOHN ROBERTSON *Ch'm.*

[C.]

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools regret to state, that this useful institution is in a state of declension, and that this Association is doing less for its promotion, than we have been for many years. We believe that the young mind, while free from the cares of the world, should be constantly directed to the subject of religion and taught the sacred truths of the Bible. For it is a fact acknowledged by all, that the earliest impressions are the most lasting, and are apt to influence a man in every stage of life. Hence the necessity of bringing up a child in the way he should go. We believe this is the surest means of promoting the church and the great work of salvation, and of hastening the happy time when all shall be brought to a knowledge of God, and we hope to see the Baptists take more interest in future, in so noble a cause; for by promoting the cause of God, we are sure to promote the Baptist cause.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Z. A. PATILLO, *Ch'm.*

August 5th, 1850.

[D.]

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education having had the same under consideration, offer the following brief report:

That in a country like ours, distinguished for intellectual exertion and mental culture, no arguments can be necessary to set forth the importance of educating the rising generation. The utility of mental training

Specification. In the minutes of 1866 the clerk omitted $139"35 cts paid by the Yanceyville church & $26"65 cts paid by Trinity church to Elder T. B. Wal State mission. In the minutes of 1867 the sum of $187"25 is reporting from Yancey this sum $100 were subscribed paid by bro Poteat & $20 by other Yanceyville brethren to Elder T. B. Walters the association of 1866 & Elder Walters paid it to the state convention on the first day of January, 186...... ; and the Third on the first day of January 186....

Witness my hand and seal, this........day of.......................186....

.... {L. S.}

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of }
.... }

to the young is now so generally admitted, that little or nothing more is necessary for its accomplishment, than such facilities as will put it in the power of parents to educate their children. One of the principle of these facilities is good schools, located at suitable places. The great body of our youth can never be well instructed until we have more primary schools. Good neighborhood schools are of the greatest importance to the county—they afford instruction to many who could not otherwise get it, give parents an opportunity of rearing up their children under their own inspection, and makes education much cheaper.

Some high schools are also needful as well as Colleges, for the benefit of such as wish to be classically and thoroughly educated. Your Committee however, do not believe that it is desirable for parents to attempt the classical education of their children under all circumstances. Their capacity for learning, as well as the necessary means for meeting the expense, should be taken into consideration. Much time, labor, and money have been expended in fruitless efforts, to make scholars of those who had not capacity or disposition to learn.

There is one feature in some schools within our knowledge, of increasing and somewhat alarming importance. We refer to the Sectarian influence which they are used to promote. We do not object to denominational schools, provided they are free from teachings which are sectarian, but we unhesitatingly affirm, that the peculiarities of no sect or denomination of christians should be allowed as a part of school instruction. We feel therefore bound, whenever we hear of schools avowing themselves sectarian, to raise our voices against their patronage. We as a denomination repudiate any such principles in our schools; and must appear very inconsistent to patronize and support in other schools, what we will not allow in our own.

Your Committee are happy to state, that Wake Forest College is in a more flourishing condition than it has been for several years, as the present number of students is greater than usual, and the debts of the Institution are nearly liquidated.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. J. JAMES, *Ch'm.*

August 5th, 1850.

[E.]

N. C. BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

The Committee to whom was referred the N. C. Baptist State Convention, make the following report.

That they have considered the objects of said Convention, viz. F. Missions, D. Mission and Education, and heartily recommend these subjects to the consideration of all interested in the Baptist cause in N. C. By reference to the condition of the churches in our own body, it will be seen that there is need of *action* rather than *writing*. In regard to F. Missions, many reasons present themselves, why we should give this noble cause our united support. The education of young ministers is also an object of unspeakable importance to the denomination. No qualification can take the place of piety, sincere, deep and ardent; yet it is to be regreted that there are young men who will press into the ministry without due preparation, when facilities so ample, so inviting present themselves, and funds are furnished by the friends of education, to bring these advantages within the reach of all. As the best means of advancing this object, your committee recommend a careful reading of the Bible.

This should be done from a sincere desire to learn the will of God, from a love to his word, and not simply from a sense of duty, nor from a disposition to support some favorite doctrine, but with a sincere desire to learn what God would have us do. Be assured, brethren, that our denomination can not take that position, which it should, until we are properly organized and thoroughly trained to the great work before us.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Jno. H. Lacy, *Ch'm.*

[F.]

HOME MISSIONS.

This is an important institution, and should be cherished by every Baptist in N. C.

But to promote it, liberality should be encouraged on one side, and economy on the other.

Ministers can never successfully preach against covetousness among the people, while they are extravagant in their expenditure of money.

Moderate salaries should be given to missionaries, because the institution is for the great mass of the people. Said a distinguished minister, "That gospel that has not for its object the salvation of the great *mass* of the people, never had its origin in heaven, and will never fill the earth with the glory of God."

We would recommend the missionaries to procure the following works viz.

The Comprehensive Commentary, Baptist edition,	$10 00
Hornes Introduction, 4 vols.	8 00
Prideaux's connexion of Sacred and Profane History,	4 00
Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge,	4 00
Complete Works of Andrew Fuller, 3 vols.	6 00
American Alamanac for 1850.	.75

A complete library for a Bible class, can be had for 62 1-2 cts. viz. Malcomb's Bible Dictionary 50 cts., and E. Lincoln's Sabbath School Class Book 12 1-2 cts.

We had church libraries, Sabbath School libraries, and ministerial libraries. But as religion is taught by example more than by precept, piety is the principle cause of ministerial success.

E. DODSON, *Ch'm.*

[G.]

REPORT ON PERIODICALS AND PUBLICATIONS.

The Committee on Periodicals and Publications, submit the following Report:

The importance of a more extended circulation of the different periodicals published by our denomination among the members and friends of the Baptist church, must be admitted by all. It is the only sure and effectual way of disseminating information in regard to the progress of Missionary efforts throughout the world, and acts as a stimulus to enlarged contributions to sustain these efforts. There are now published in North Carolina by our denomination, three periodicals. The Biblical Recorder at Raleigh—the Religious Intelligencer at Wilmington—and the Baptist Messenger at Elizabeth City, either of which we would commend to the patronage of our brethren as worthy of their support. The Committee would, however, remark, that for the purpose of concentrating the efforts of the Baptists of North Carolina, and bringing them into more familiar intercourse with each other, that they would prefer that one Periodical should be recognized by our State Convention and Associations as the authorized organ of the denomination.

In addition to the Periodicals published in our own State, the Committee would also recommend to the patronage of our members and friends, the Missionary Journal, the Commission, and the Southern Baptist Preacher, published in Richmond Virginia. The Journal and Preacher at $1,00 per annum, and the Comission monthly at 25 cents per annum, for a single copy, or five copies for one dollar. Every church should have one or more classes of subscribers to the latter publication.

The Committee would further remark, that the system of Colporteurage now long established by which the various publications and standard works of our denomination can be extensively circulated, promises the most happy results to the cause of truth and christian piety. Your Committee hope to see this noble effort encouraged and extended.

Your Committee would also recommend to the various churches belonging to the Association, to give all due encouragement to the North Carolina Baptist Publication and Sunday School Society, and to the Beulah Publication and Sunday School Society, auxilliary to the former.—By a united and zealous co-operation on the part of our churches, those Societies may effect abundant good. Meetings in behalf of the latter should be held in all our churches during the ensuing year, its objects explained by suitable addresses from the Pastor and others, and all the members invited to contribute to and become members of the same. In this way their important objects may be successfully carried out.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

N. J. Palmer, *Ch'm.*

August 5th 1850.

[H.]

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The Committee on the state of religion within the bounds of this Association having had the same under consideration, present the following report.

The letters from the churches, while they represent them them in a state of harmony and peace, indicate an unusual degree of coldness and apathy in religion. But few of the churches have enjoyed seasons of revival since the last Association, and the number added by baptism is much smaller than it has been for several years past. While we should rejoice in the harmony and good faith which continues to exist amongst the churches of this body, is it not meet that we should lament over the spirit of lukewarmness, which is beginning to appear amongst us both with ministers and private members. Your Committee cannot believe that this state of things is necessary so far as the dispensation of grace is concerned but that it results from causes within ourselves. They believe that coldness in the church is generally preceeded by inattention to the means of grace, and an unscriptural attachment to worldly pursuits.—"If any man love the world the love of the Father is not in him." But shall we rest contented with our present attainments and with what has been already accomplished. Let us not forget what God has said to us by an inspired Prophet—"Wo! to them that are at ease in Zion," and how frequently are we admonished in the word of God, to persevere in our efforts till death shall discourage.

Your Committee would suggest, as a means of promoting a revival of religion in our own heart, and of bringing to the serious consideration of the unconverted, that we endeavor to be more diligent in reading and studying the Holy Scripture, more devoted and importunate in private and family prayer, as well as in public, that we strive together to sustain the public ministration of the word by punctual attendance at the house of God, and that we should appoint at least one meeting in the year, to continue for several days, where the word of life may be freely dispersed to the people. It might also be added, that engaging in Sabbath schools, prayer meetings, and Bible classes &c., have all a happy tendency towards increasing our zeal and efficiency as christians.

Your Committee believe that the above suggestions are worthy of the serious consideration of the members of all the churches connected with this body, and should be enforced upon their attention by the most solemn considerations. The uncertainty of our lives, the shortness of time, the value of immortal souls, the cause of our crucified Redeemer, should be motives constantly operating upon us to do what we can in our master's vineyard.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. J. JAMES, *Ch'm.*

August 5th 1850.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BEULAH BIBLE SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of the Beulah Bible Society was held with the Asoociation at Mount Hermon in Orange County on Saturday the 3rd of August, 1850.

The Proceedings of the meeting were opened by reading a portion of the sacred Scriptures and singing and prayer by Elder Stephen Pleasant, Moderator of the Association.

In the absence of the President and Vice President, Elder James was appointed President *pro. tem.*, who took the chair and called the Society to order.

The Constitution of the Society was read by the Secretary, and and the objects of its institution explained.

The report of the Treasurer was read by N. J. Palmer, and accepted by the Society.

N. J. Palmer, Z. Patillo and Azariah Graves were appointed to nominate the officers and a Board of Managers for the ensuing year, who reported the following:

Hon. Thomas Settle President—Hon. Calvin Graves, Rev. J. J. James and John Kerr, Esq., Vice Presidents—Nathaniel J. Palmer, Secretary and Treasurer, and Albert G. Stevens of Milton, Depository Agent.

BOARD OF MANAGERS LOCATED AT MILTON.

The officers of the Society with Rev. A. McDowell Chairman, Gen. B. Graves, John Kerr, Esq., Rev. John H. Lacy, A. G. Stevens, A. Timberlake, Richard Newbill, Dr LaFayette Bennett, F. Nelson, William L. Sneed, John Russell, Joseph J. Yarborough and Peyton Ambrose.

The report was unanimously concurred in by the Society.

The following resolutions were then offered by N. J. Palmer, and adopted by the Society.

Resolved, That the Officers of the Society with the Delegates of the Beulah Association to the Baptist State Convention, be, and they are hereby appointed to represent the Society in the annual meeting ot the State Society at Louisburg, in October next.

Resolved, That the disposition of the funds of the Society be committed to the Board of Managers at Milton.

The Rev. John H. Lacy, of Milton, was appointed to deliver the next annual address, or sermon, before the Society.

The following resolution was then offered, and after remarks by Elders John H. Lacy, J. P. Montague, John Robertson, Stephen Pleasant and Elias Dodson, was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That every destitute family within the bounds of the Beulah Association, ought speedily to be supplied with the word of God.

On motion, brother Azariah Graves, John H. Lacy and Z. Patillo, were appointed a Committee to wait on the Congregation, and receive the names of members and contributors to the funds of the Society, who reported a considerable accession to the list of members, and the sum of $15 21 cts. contributed to the funds of the Society.

The Society then adjourned. Prayer by Elder George W. Purify.

J. J. JAMES, *President Pro. Tem.*

N. J. PALMER, *Secretary.*

LIST OF NEW MEMBERS.

L. Bennett, H. Merritt, H. C. Strowd, W. Lunsford, Capt. John Berry, Rev. John A. McMorin, Elizabeth Patillo, Alvis Lea, S. P. Norris, J. Oaks, William Russell, John Redding, T. S. Faucett, E. Faucett, Stinceon Ivey, John W. Hunter, George W. Purify, Z. A. Patillo, Thomas W. Graves, John Matloch, William Dade, Stephen Wilkerson, A. H. Barnes, J. Younger, Wm. Freeland, Isabelle Russell, Isabelle Howard.

ANNUAL SUBCSRIPTIONS RENEWED.

Paid Elder Elias Dodson,	$1 00
,, Stephen Pleasant,	50
,, N. J. Palmer,	50
,, J. J. James,	50
,, John Robertson,	50
	$2 00

All orders for Bibles and Testaments, to be addressed to A. G. Stevens, Agent, Milton, N. C.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE BEULAH BIBLE SOCIETY, AUXILLIARY TO THE N. C. BAPTIST BIBLE SOCIETY.

Article 1*st.* This Society shall be called the Beulah Baptist Bible Society, auxilliary to the North Carolina Baptist Bible Society.

Art. 2d. The objects of the Society shall be to supply our own destitution first, and with our surplus funds to aid the parent Society.

Art. 3d The members of the Society shall consist of such persons as contribute annually to its funds, and by the payment of ten dollars, any one may become a life member.

Art. 4th.. The Officers shall be a President, three Vice Presidents, Secretary. Treasurer and Depository Agent, all of whom shall be chosen annually, who, with a Board of Managers, shall be competent to transact all business in the intervals of the Society's meetings, five of whom shall constitute a quorum.

Art. 5th. The annual meetings of the Society shall be held with the Beulah Association. Intermediate meetings may be called by the

President or two of the Vice Presidents

Art. 6th. The Board of Managers may appoint distributing or collecting Agents, and must make an annual report to the Society, of their proceedings.

Art. 7th. This Constitution shall be subject to amendment, by a majority of the votes, at a regular meeting of the Society.

TREASURERS REPORT.

N. J. Palmer, Treasurer, in account with the Beulah Bible Society.
August, 1850.

Amount of cash in hand at last report,	$18 80
Amount of collections and subscriptions at a meeting held in Hillsborough, in September 1849.	9 91
Amount of sale of Bibles by Dr. Shaw,	51
	$29 22
Credit.	
By amount paid towards printing Minutes of Association for 1849.	5 00
Balance in hand,	$24 22

Respectfully submitted,
N. J. PALMER, *Treasurer.*

N. B. The above does not include the amount received at the Association of 1850, that will be embraced in the next report.

BEULAH PUBLICATION & SUNDAY SCHOOL SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of this Society, being the first since its organization, was held with the Beulah Association at Mount Hermon Meeting House, commencing on Friday the 2nd of August 1850.

In the absence of Dr. W. A. Shaw the President, the chair was taken by Azariah Graves, first Vice President, who called the Society to order.

The proceedings were opened with prayer by the Rev. J. J. James of Caswell.

The report of A. G. Stevens the Treasurer, was presented and read by N. J. Palmer, and accepted by the Society.

On motion a Committee was appointed to nominate Officers and a Board of Managers, who reported the following, N. J. Palmer, Esq., President.

Azariah Graaes, Archibald McDowell and Sidney G. Lea, Vice Presidents.

Elder John H. Lacy, Secretary, and Albert G. Stevens, Treasurer and Depository Agent.

Board of Managers Located at Milton, N. C.

The Officers of the Society with Gen. B. Graves, John Kerr, Esq., E. Dodson, Augustus Timberlake, Dr. LaFayette Bennett, J. J. Yarborough, Richard Newbill, W. L. Sneed, John Russell, F. Nelson, Dr. S. Powell and Peyton Ambrose.

The report was unanimously concurred in by the Society.

On motion the Hon. Calvin Graves was appointed to deliver the next annual address before the Society.

A Committee was appointed to wait on the congregation and receive a list of new members to the Society, and also such contributions as may be made, who report a respectable accession to the list of members, contributions and subscriptions to the amount of $12, 50 cents.

On motion the Society adjourned to meet at the Baptist Church in Hillsborough on to-morrow evening at early candle light. Prayer by the Rev. John Robertson.

Attest, A. GRAVES, 1st *Vice President.*

JOHN H. LACY, *Secretary.*

HILLSBOROUGH, Saturday evening, August 3d, 1850.

The Society met in the Baptist Church in Hillsborough according to adjournment, the President took the Chair and called the Society to order, and its proceedings were opened ofter reading the 19th Psalm. Singing and Prayer by Rev. John H. Lacy.

The Constitution of the Society was then read by the Secretary.

The following resolutions were then offered and adopted.

Resolved, That the Officers of the Society together with the Delegates to the North Caaolina Baptist State Convention are hereby appointed to represent the Society at the next annual meeting of the Parent State Society to be held at Louisburg in October next.

Resolved, That the disposition of the funds of the Society be committed to the Board of Managers.

Resolved, That all of the churches connected with the Beulah Association, be, and they are hereby earnestly requested to establish Sabbath schools in their respective Churches, apply to the Depository for books, and to have one or more meetings of the Society among them the ensuing year, and raise funds for its support.

The following resolution was offered by the President, and supported with suitable addresses by Elders Dodson, Montague, Lacy, and the mover, when it was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the general circulation of religious books and tracts will be a valuable auxiliary to the success of the preached gospel.

A Committee having been appointed to wait on the congregation, they received an accession to the list of members.

The Society then adjourned. Prayer by Rev. E. Dodson.

N. J. PALMER, *President.*

JOHN H. LACY, *Secretary.*

New list of Contributors to the Society.

William Russell, N. J. Palmer, J. W. Hart, A. Graves, Stinceon Ivey, A. V. Pratt, J. J. James, Z. A. Patillo, H. McNeil, John C. Lewis, W. J. Moore, A. H. Barnes, F. R. Durham, L. Bennett, Mrs. E. Washington, Ann Moore, Alvis Durham, John Robertson, C.P. Horn, W. B. Durham, H. C. Strowd, Wm. L Faulker, John H. Lacy, John Redding, S. S. Lea, S. Pleasant, E. Dodson, J. B. Pleasant, Margaret Woods, F. J. Freeland.

N. B. Those having contributions to make to the Society or subscriptions to the Society can make their remittance to A. G. Stevens Treasurer, Milton, N. C. Orders for Books can also be addressed to him.

CONSTITUTION

Of the Beulah Publication and Sunday School Society.

Article 1st. This Society shall be called the Beulah Publication and Sunday School Society, and shall be auxilliary to the North Carolina Baptist Publication and Sunday School Society.

Art. 2d. The objects of the Society shall be the establishment of a Depository of religious Books and Tracts, at some convenient point within the bounds of the Beulah Association, where our Sabbath Schools and Churches and others, may be supplied at a cheap rate, with suitable religious books and publications. Also, all proper encouragement given to the establishment of Sabbath Schools, in every Church and neighborhood.

Art. 3d. The Officers of the Society shall be a President, three Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and Depository Agent, with a Board of Managers, to be annually elected, or appointed by the Society.

Art. 4th. The Society shall hold its annual meetings with the Beulah Association, and some one shall be selected annually to deliver an address or sermon before it. Intermediate meetings, may be called by the President, or two of the Vice Presidents.

Art. 5th. Any one may become a member of the Society by contributing the sum of fifty cents or more, annually, to its funds; or by the payment of ten dollars at any one time, become a life member.

Art. 6th. The Board of Managers may have the disposition of the funds of the Society, in the interval of its annual meetings, and appoint one or more agents or colporteurs, and fix their compensation. Five members of the Board shall constitute a quorum to do business.

Art. 7th. The Board of Managers must make an annual report to the society of their operations.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

A. G. Stevens Treasurer of Beulah Publication and Sunday School Society.

August 1st, 1850. In account with the Society, Dr.

In cash received for subscriptions to date,	$30 00
Do for sales of books,	23 01
	$53 01

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By cash paid for books,	$30 03	
Freight and postage,	1 65	
Amount of books in Depository,	6 99	
Cash paid towards printing Minutes of Association,	5 00	$43 67
Balance in hand,		$9 34

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. STEVENS, *Treasurer.*

N. B. The above does not include the amount received at the Association of 1850. That will be embraced in the next report.

The Constitution of the Beulah Baptist Association.

Article 1st. This Association shall be called the Beulah Baptist Association.

2d. This Association shall be composed of—*first*—all the ordained Ministers who are members of, or have the pastoral charge of the Churches within this Associational District, who shall be members of the Association, *ex officio*. *Secondly*—Not more than three delegates from each Church within the district aforesaid, who shall produce letters from the churches certifying their appointment; in which said letters shall be stated the numerical standing of said churches—showing their additions, losses and changes of membership, since the last annual Association·

3d. The Association shall be held at least once a year, at such time and place as they may appoint; and shall be opened and closed with prayer.

4th. The officers of the Association shall be, a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer; the two last officers, however, may be held by the same individuals, should such be the pleasure of the Association.

5th. The officers aforesaid shall be chosen at each *Annual Session* of the Association, by ballot or nomination, as may be the pleasure of a majority of the members. And the Clerk shall be deemed to continue in office until another is appointed; and shall at all times perform the duties of Treasurer, unless another individual be appointed to the latter office.

6th. The Association shall have no right to interfere with the internal regulations of the Churches, but may tender to them advice; and in case any of them should become corrupt in doctrine or practice—

MINUTES

OF THE

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT

GOODWILL MEETING-HOUSE, FORSYTH COUNTY, N. C.,

August 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 1851.

ALSO, PROCEEDINGS OF THE

Societies meeting with the Association.

COMPILED AND PUBLISHED BY

N. J. PALMER, of Milton,

Clerk of the Association.

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1851.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

ELDER STEPHEN PLEASANTS, *of Person, Moderator.*
Nathaniel J. Palmer, *of Milton, Clerk.*
James M. Allen, *of do., Ass't Clerk.*

TRUSTEES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Jasper C. Davis, of Stokes.
Aaron Barrow, of Forsyth.
J. M. Lindsay, of Rockingham.
Calvin Graves, of Caswell.
Thomas D. Oldham, of Orange.
G. S. Dejarnett, of Guilford.
Obediah Faulkner, of Person.

Note.—According to the provisions of the act of the General Assembly of North Carolina, in relation to religious societies, all bequests or donations to the Association, or the societies connected with it, can be made to and held by trustees appointed for that purpose, as a corporation; the donor or devisor having the right to specify the objects to which he may desire its appropriation.

PROCEEDINGS, &c.

Goodwill Meeting-House,
August 15th, 1851.

The members of the Beulah Association met with the Baptist church at this place, according to adjournment. The Introductory Sermon, agreeable to appointment, was preached by Elder J. J. James, from 1st Corinthians, 15th chapter, 58th verse.

After the conclusion of the sermon, and a short intermission, the Association was called to order by Elder Stephen Pleasants, the Moderator of the last Association, and its proceedings were opened with singing, and prayer by brother N. J. Palmer.

The list of churches being called by the Assistant Clerk, it appeared that the following delegates were appointed to represent them :—

Beulah church.—Elder Elias Dodson.
Clement.—Stephen Wilkerson, William Bradsher and Thos. W. Glenn.
Cane Creek.—Wyatt Cate, Thos. J. Cate and Thos. D. Oldham.
Elm Grove.—Jonas Case, Henry Barbee and Jas. Lanier.
Ephesus.—Joseph Moore, Wm. M. Faulkner and Jefferson Warren.
Friendship.—John H. Caudle, Cavin J. Carroll and John W. Gibson.
Greensborough.—Benj. Churchill and Orrin Churchill.
Goodwill.—Rob't Jones, A. Barrow and R. Hutchins.
Hogan's Creek.—Woodson Johnson, Andrew Martin and Thos. Settle.
Judson.—No delegate.
Kerr's Chapel.—Wm. J. Moore, H. McNeal and Thos. W. Graves.
Leaksville.—Joseph Covington and Josiah Martin.
Mount Olive.—Alex'r Boyles, W. B. Boyles and Julius Terrell.
Milton.—N. J. Palmer, J. M. Allen and Dr. S. A. Powell.
Madison.—Stinceon Ivy, John M. Lindsay and T. C. Lewis.
Mount Hermon.—Alvis Durham, James N. Strayhorn, A. C. Hunter.
Mill Creek.—Ro. B. Jones, Robert S. Davie and Gabriel Bailey, jun'r.
Mount Airy.—Leroy F. Dawson, K. Thompson and Felix Johnson.
Marr's Hill.—James M. Ward, James S. Watson and William Ward.
Trinity.—A. Graves, Ro. W. Lawson and Wm. Slade.
Yanceyville.—Thos. J. Valentine, Wm. Lea and Sidney S. Lea.

Ordained Ministers, ex-officio members of the Association.—Elders S. Pleasants, J. J. James, John L. Prichard, John Robertson, George W. Purify, Elias Dodson, J. H. Lacy, A. McDowell, Charles Duncan, Julius Terrell, A. D. Blackwood, Jesse Howell, Robert B. Jones and John H. Caudle.

It appearing that a majority of all the churches were represented, the Association proceeded to elect a Moderator; when, on motion, Elder Stephen Pleasants was unanimously re-elected to that office.

On motion, brother N. J. Palmer was unanimously re-appointed Clerk, and brother J. M. Allen, of Milton, was appointed Assistant Clerk.

Correspondents from neighboring Associations and visiting ministering brethren were invited to take seats with the Association; when brother

John F. Neal, being present, was received and recognized as a correspondent from the Flat River Association.

Copies of Minutes were received from the Dan River, Tar River, Flat River and Raleigh Associations.

A letter was received and read from the Mount Olive church, in Stokes county, constituted by the Presbytery of the Beulah Association since the last meeting. On motion, this church was unanimously received into the Association, and the right hand of fellowship extended to the delegates by the Moderator.

A letter was also received and read from the Greensborough church, constituted by the Presbytery of the Association since its last meeting. On motion, this church was unanimously received into the Association, and the right hand of fellowship extended to her delegates by the Moderator.

On motion, a committee of finance was appointed, consisting of brethren Thos. W. Graves, Wm. Lea and Sidney S. Lea.

On motion, Elder John Robertson, brethren A. Barrow, Robert Jones, S. S. Lea and A. Graves, were appointed a committee to arrange religious exercises during the meeting.

On motion, Elder John H. Lacy, Thos. D. Oldham and Stephen Wilkerson, with the Moderator and Clerk, were appointed a committee of arrangements.

On motion, the following committees were appointed, to report to the present meeting, on the following subjects, to wit:—

On Sabbath Schools—Brethren J. M. Allen, Dr. S. A. Powell and J. M. Lindsay.

On Education—Elder J. J. James, John W. Gibson and James N. Strayhorn.

On North Carolina Baptist State Convention—Elders J. H. Lacy, John Robertson, and brother Alvis Durham.

On Foreign Missions—Stinceon Ivey, Thos. W. Graves and Wm. A. Bradsher.

On Home Missions—Elder E. Dodson, Wm. Slade and Wm. Lea.

On Publications and Periodicals—Robert B. Jones, Orrin Churchill and Wm. M. Faulkner.

The Association then gave way to the meeting of the Beulah Bible Society, and adjourned until to-morrow morning, nine o'clock.

BEULAH BIBLE SOCIETY.

Two o'clock, P. M.

The Beulah Bible Society met, the Vice President, Elder J. J. James, in the chair. Elder J. H. Lacy, of Milton, delivered the Annual Sermon, from John xiii: 24. When, on motion, Elder Lacy, with brethren N. J. Palmer and J. M. Allen, were appointed a committee to propose terms of union between this Society and the Beulah Publication and Sunday School Society.

On motion, brethren A. Graves, Thomas D. Oldham and J. M. Lindsay, were appointed a committee to wait on the congregation and receive subscriptions in aid of this Society, who reported $14 85 received.

On motion, the following delegates were appointed to the State Society, viz:—Elders J. J. James, J. H. Lacy, Robt. B. Jones, E. Dodson, John Robertson, A. McDowell; brethren J. M. Allen, Thos. D. Oldham, Calvin Graves, A. Graves, Wm. M. Faulkner, N. J. Palmer, John Kerr and Z. A. Patillo.

On motion, the Treasurer was directed to lay out the funds now in hand in the purchase of Bibles and Testaments.

On motion, the sum of ten dollars was directed to be sent up to the State Society for foreign distribution.

On motion, a committee consisting of Elders J. H. Lacy, John Robertson, and brother A. Graves, were appointed to nominate officers for the ensuing year.

The committee made the following report:—

Elder J. J. James, President.
Brethren S. S. Lea and Calvin Graves, V. Pres.
J. M. Allen, Secretary.
N. J. Palmer, Treasurer.
A. G. Stevens, Depos'y Agent at Milton.
M. Stamps, " " at Madison.

Elder James having declined the Presidency of the Society, on his motion brother Azariah Graves was unanimously elected to fill that office.

Board of Managers located at Milton.—The officers of the Society, with Rev. A. McDowell, Chairman; Rev. J. H. Lacy, A. G. Stevens, A. Timberlake, R. A. Newbell, John T. Russel, J. J. Yarbrough, P. Ambrose, John Kerr.

The report was unanimously concurred in by the Society.

On motion,

Resolved, That the distribution of the funds of the Society be committed to the Board of Managers at Milton.

List of members and contributors at the Association.—Thos. J. Cate, J. W. Gibson, Elihu Starlinch, James M. Ward, William Slade, Dr. S. A. Powell, V. P. Vaiden, J. T. Barham, Wyatt Cate, Stinceon Ivy, J. H. Lacy, George S. Dejarnette, Lizzie N. Graves, Julius Terrell, J. F. Neal, T. J. Valentine, A. Graves, Ben. Churchill, Geo. Lineville, Rob. Broocks, J. Oaks, J. Locke, J. Bennett, Duncan, T. C. Lewis, S. Wilkerson, W. B. Boyles, A. Boyles, Robt. B. Jones, T. W. Graves, Wm. M. Faulkner, John Robertson, A. Barrow, H. McNeal, Wm. Lea, Felix Johnson.

Annual subscriptions.—Elder E. Dodson, - - -	$1 00
" S. Pleasants, - - -	1 00
" J. J. James, - - -	1 00
Bro. N. J. Palmer, - - -	50
" J. M. Allen, - - -	1 00
	$4 50

All orders for Bibles and Testaments to be addressed to A. G. Stevens, Agent, at Milton, or M. Stamps, Agent, at Madison.

J. J. JAMES, *Vice President.*

N. J. Palmer, *Secretary.*

CONSTITUTION OF THE BEULAH BIBLE SOCIETY.

AUXILIARY TO THE N. C. BAPTIST BIBLE SOCIETY.

ART. 1. This Society shall be called the Beulah Baptist Bible Society, auxiliary to the North Carolina Baptist Bible Society.

ART. 2. The objects of the Society shall be to supply our own destitution first, and with our surplus funds to aid the parent Society.

ART. 3. The members of this Society shall consist of such persons as contribute annually to its funds, and by the payment of ten dollars, any one may become a life-member.

ART. 4. The officers shall be a President, three Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and Depository Agent, all of whom shall be chosen annually, who with a Board of Managers, shall be competent to transact all business in the intervals of the Society meetings, five of whom shall constitute a quorum.

ART. 5. The annual meetings of the Society shall be held with the Beulah Association; intermediate meetings may be called by the President, or two of the Vice Presidents.

ART. 6. The Board of Managers may appoint distributing or collecting agents, and must make an annual report to the Society of their proceedings.

ART. 7. This Constitution shall be subject to amendment by a majority of the votes, at a regular meeting of the Society.

ASSOCIATION.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock, Aug. 16th, 1851.

The Association met according to adjournment, and its proceedings were opened with reading a portion of Scripture, singing and prayer, by Elder Wm. Jones, of the Flat River Association.

The roll of members was then called, and the proceedings of yesterday read by the Clerk.

The report of the Committee of Arrangements was presented, read and adopted, and the Committee discharged.

Elder Wm. Jones, General Agent of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, and a correspondent of the Flat River Association, appeared and took a seat with the Association.

Brethren John J. Conrad and James J. Blackwood being present, were recognized and invited to take seats with us, as correspondents from the Yadkin Association.

Brethren John Teague and D. Roper appeared and took their seats, as correspondents from the Liberty Association.

Upon an application contained in the church letter from Elm Grove church, in relation to a difficulty in that church; and a charge preferred by one or more of the excluded members against the Pastor: On motion a committee, consisting of Elders S. Pleasants, J. J. James, brethren T. W. Graves, S. Wilkerson, Wm. Slade, Thos. D. Oldham and Thos. J. Cate, were appointed to visit the said church, and investigate the matter, and report to the next Association.

[The Clerk will add, that all difficulties in this church were amicably and satisfactorily settled by the committee.]

Delegates to the North Carolina Baptist State Convention were called on to report, when satisfactory reports were made by a number of individuals.

Correspondents to neighboring Associations were called on to report, which were made as far as they attended; all of which were satisfactory.

The query sent up from Beulah church, in relation to professors of religion having dancing in their houses, and also sending their children to dancing schools, on motion, was referred to a committee, consisting of Elders E. Dodson, J. H. Lacy, Thos. D. Oldham, S. S. Lea, N. J. Palmer, A. Graves and J. M. Allen; and, on motion, the Moderator was added to the committee.

The Association then took up the application from the Mill Creek church, for the ordination of brother Robt. B. Jones, a licentiate of that church, and recently appointed a missionary of the Convention; also the application of the Friendship church, in relation to the ordination of bro. John H. Caudle, a licentiate of that church. On motion, the applications were referred to the presbytery of the Beulah Association, to meet to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

On motion of Elder S. Pleasants,

Resolved, That the churches of this Association be, and they are hereby earnestly requested to contribute, as far as they are able, towards raising a fund for the purpose of building a house for Elder M. T. Yates, late of this State, and now a missionary at Shanghai, in China, the house to remain as a permanent home, and the property of the Southern Baptist Convention, for Elder Yates and his successor in the mission.

On motion, a collection now be taken up for that purpose; when the amount of twenty dollars, seventy-five cents was received.

On motion, a committee, consisting of Elders E. Dodson, Jas. S. Purify, and bro. J. M. Allen, were appointed to inquire and report in relation to having ministers' and deacons' meetings in the bounds of the Association, at times and places most convenient, and make report on Monday.

Delegates were then appointed to the following Associations, to wit:

To Sandy Creek Association—to meet Friday before 3rd Sabbath in September. Elders G. W. Purify, J. J. James; brethren T. D. Oldham, S. Wilkerson, A. C. Hunter, Alvis Durham, W. Cates and Thos. Cates.

To Roanoke Association—Friday before 4th Sabbath in Aug't. Elder A. McDowell; brethren N. J. Palmer, Z. A. Patillo, J. M. Allen, A. Timberlake, T. J. Valentine, Dr. S. A. Powell and J. J. Yarbrough.

To Dan River Association—to meet Friday after 4th Sabbath in July. Elders J. H. Lacy, A. McDowell, J. J. James; brethren J. M. Allen, N. J. Palmer, Wm. M. Faulkner, S. S. Lea and Jefferson Warren.

To Liberty Association—to meet Friday before 4th Sabbath in August. Elders J. J. James, J. H. Caudle, brother J. W. Gibson, Elder Julius Terrell, Dr. S. A. Powell, Dr. G. S. Dejarnette.

To Yadkin Association—to meet Friday before 1st Sabbath in October. Elders J. Robertson, Julius Terrell, J. H. Lacy, J. H. Caudle, Charles Duncan; brethren J. W. Gibson, Felix Johnson.

To Flat River Association—to meet Friday before 2nd Sabbath in August. Elders S. Pleasants, Robt. B. Jones, J. J. James; brethren N. J. Palmer, S. Wilkerson, K. Thompson, T. W. Graves, Wm. A. Bradsher, J. M. Allen and A. G. Stevens.

To Raleigh Association—to meet Saturday before 4th Sabbath in Sept. Elders G. W. Purify, J. J. James, Jesse Howell; brethren Thos. D. Oldham, J. N. Strayhorn.

Delegates were then appointed to the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, as follows:—Elders E. Dodson, J. J. James, J. H. Lacy, John Robertson, A. McDowell, G. W. Purify; brethren N. J. Palmer, J. M. Allen, Z. A. Patillo, Calvin Graves, Thos. D. Oldham, J. W. Gibson.

Any other member of the Association who can attend, will be recognized as a delegate to fill any vacancy that may occur.

The Association then took a recess of 40 minutes.

EVENING SESSION, 1 o'clock.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and proceeded to appoint the place for the next Association; when, on motion of Elder J. J. James, the next Association was appointed to be held with the church at Ephesus, in Person county, to commence on Friday before the 3rd Lord's day in August, 1852.

Brother Stinceon Ivey was appointed to preach the introductory sermon; Elder A. McDowell alternate. Elder J. L. Prichard, of Danville, to preach the missionary sermon on Sabbath.

Elder J. J. James, Agent of Oxford Female College, offered the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas this Association has learned with great pleasure of the establishment of a Female College, located at Oxford, Granville county, to be under the management and control of the Baptist denomination. And whereas the establishment of said College is deemed of great importance to our denominational interests, as well as education in general: Therefore,

Resolved, That this Association concur with sister Associations in recommending this institution to the patronage and support of the churches.

Elder James followed the reading of this resolution with interesting and appropriate remarks, advocating the claims of the Oxford College.

Remarks were also made by Elder E. Dodson and brother N. J. Palmer, shewing the importance of sustaining this College as well as every Baptist school in the State, in preference to sending our children to Pedo-baptist schools.

After remarks by brethren T. W. Graves and T. J. Valentine, the resolution was unanimously adopted.

Leave of absence was then granted to brethren J. M. Lindsay and Jas. Lanier, for the remainder of the session.

The Association then adjourned till Monday morning, 9 o'clock.

Prayer by brother Robt. B. Jones.

Elders James S. Purify, Wm. Jones, and bro. J. H. Caudle, preached at the stand during the day.

SABBATH MORNING, Aug't 17th, 1851.

At ten o'clock the Presbytery of the Association met, for the purpose of examining the candidates for ordination to the ministry, as proposed by the Mill Creek and Friendship churches, which being satisfactory, was sustained by the Presbytery.

At 11 o'clock Elder J. S. Purify addressed the large congregation assembled at the stand, from Mark viii: 38 verse—"Whosoever shall be ashamed of me and my words, in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him also shall the Son of Man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father, with the holy angels." He was followed by Elder J. H. Lacy, of Milton, appointed to preach the annual missionary sermon, from Luke xi chap., part of 2nd verse—"Thy kingdom come." At the close of his remarks he explained and enforced the propriety of sustaining the objects of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, when a public collection was taken up in aid of its funds.

After a short intermission the congregation again assembled, when the Presbytery again convened, and proceeded to the ordination of brother Robt. B. Jones, of Person, and brother John H. Caudle, of Stokes, to the holy work of the gospel ministry.

The introductory exercises were conducted by Elder J. H. Lacy. Ordaining prayer by Elder Elias Dodson. Charge to the candidates by Elder J. J. James. Presentation of Bible by Elder S. Pleasants. Right hand of fellowship by Elder John Robertson.

The services were quite solemn and impressive.

At the conclusion of the ordination services, Elder Stephen Pleasants, of Person, preached from 1st Chronicles, iv chap. and part of the 10th verse—"And God granted him that which he requested." He was followed by a very impressive exhortation from Elder William Jones, agent of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention.

A deep feeling pervaded the congregation, giving evidence to hope that the word preached will, by the blessing of God, have the desired effect.

BEULAH PUB. AND SUNDAY SCHOOL SOCIETY.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK, August 18th, 1851.

The Beulah Publication and Sunday School Society met, and was called to order by brother N. J. Palmer, President.

Elder William Jones read a portion of scripture. After singing, prayer was offered by brother Thomas J. Valentine, of Yanceyville. After which brother N. J. Palmer made a few pertinent remarks, setting forth the claims of this Society.

The Constitution of the Society was then read by brother Valentine.

Brother Robert B. Jones offered the following resolution:—

Resolved, That by the circulation of religious books and tracts, and the establishment of Sabbath schools, a powerful engine will be put in operation to give success to the preached gospel, and a healthful influence diffused into the institutions of our country.

Interesting addresses were listened to from brethren Robert B. Jones, Wm. Jones, John Robertson, T. J. Valentine and E. Dodson; after which the resolution was unanimously adopted.

On motion, the following officers were re-appointed, to wit:—

Brother N. J. Palmer, President. A. Graves, A. McDowell and S. S. Lea, Vice Presidents. J. M. Allen, Secretary. A. G. Stephens, Treas'r and Depository Agent.

Board of Managers, located at Milton, N. C.—The officers of the Society, with Elder E. Dodson, John Kerr, Augustine Timberlake, J. J. Yarbrough, Richard A. Newbell, John T. Russell, Dr. S. A. Powell and Peyton Ambrose.

Rev. A. McDowell was appointed to preach the Annual Sermon before the Publication Society, Elder J. H. Lacy, alternate.

Elder Robert B. Jones was appointed to preach the next Annual Sermon before the Bible Society, Elder J. H. Lacy, alternate.

The amount of subscriptions and contributions in aid of the funds of the Society was $13 45.

On motion, the Society adjourned, to meet with the church at Ephesus on Saturday before the third Sabbath in August, 1852.

N. J. PALMER, *Pres't.*

J. M. Allen, *Sec'y.*

ASSOCIATION.

Monday Morning, 10 o'clock, Aug't 18, 1851.

The Association met according to adjournment, and its proceedings were opened by singing a hymn, prayer having been previously offered at the meeting of the Publication and Sunday School Society.

The proceedings of Saturday were read and approved; after which the Clerk reported the amount of the public collection on Sabbath to be seventeen dollars.

Elder Elias Dodson, missionary of the Association, made his annual report, which was received and read, and ordered to be published with the minutes.

On motion, Elder E. Dodson was continued as our missionary in the bounds of this Association for the next associational year, at a salary of two hundred dollars, as fixed by himself.

On motion, the Association agreed to appoint an additional missionary in the bounds of this Association.

On motion, the Association then proceeded to vote by ballot for another missionary; when Elder John Robertson was appointed to labor in our bounds for the ensuing year, at a salary of twenty dollars per month.

Brother J. M. Allen, Chairman of the Committee on Sabbath Schools, made the following report, which was unanimously adopted and ordered to be printed with the minutes:—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools, beg leave to make the following report:—

The subject of Sabbath Schools (we are sorry to say) does not receive in the churches of this Association, that attention which a subject of such paramount importance demands. The Sabbath School has justly been denominated the nursery of the church. It is here the mind is to be moulded, upon which the minister of the gospel is to exert an influence in after years. It is from the ranks of the children of the present age, are to come the ministers, the judges, the statesmen of the next; and it is to us, my brethren, the training of those children has been committed. It is in the Sabbath School, that the most powerful influence for good can be exerted. It is here that we can train them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. How important it is, that the churches should wake up from their lethargy, to this important, this God-honoring cause. Brethren, shall we despise the day of small things, when God does not? It is in the Sabbath school that every Christian, however humble, may engage either as teacher or scholar. Let us not think that this is too small a business for us to engage in; out of weakness God ordains strength.

In view of the importance of the Sabbath school cause, we offer the following resolution:—

Resolved, That we urge upon every member of our churches to engage in advancing the interests of the Sabbath school cause, either as teacher or scholar.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. M. ALLEN, *Chairman.*

Brother Thomas W. Graves, from the Committee on Finance, presented the following report, which was received, read and ordered to be printed with the minutes:—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee of Finance have received from the churches of the Beulah Association, the following sums of money:—

CHURCHES.	Association fund.	Home mission.	Foreign mission.	Convention.	Bible Society.	S. S. and P. Society.	TOTALS.
Beulah, - - -	1 00	22 00	4 00		1 00	1 00	29 00
Cane Creek, - - -	3 00	10 00					13 00
Ephesus, - - -	3 00	12 00				2 00	17 00
Elm Grove, - - -	1 50		2 70				4 20
Goodwill, - - -	1 50						1 50
Hogan's Creek, - -	1 50	4 25	2 50				8 25
Judson, - - -	25						25
Kerr's Chapel, - -	1 50	14 50	3 20				19 20
Leaksville, - - -	3 50	6 50	4 50				14 50
Marr's Hill, - - -	3 00	2 00					5 00
Milton, - - -	4 00	5 00					9 00
Madison, - - -	3 10	5 00	11 40				19 50
Mill Creek, - - -	2 00	10 50					12 50
Mount Airy, - - -	1 00	19 00	3 20				23 20
Mount Hermon, - -	2 00	4 35					6 35
Trinity, - - -	3 00	27 00					30 00
Yanceyville, - - -	3 35	32 50					35 85
Greensborough, - -	1 00						1 00
Mount Olive, - -	1 00	1 00					2 00
Clement, - - -	2 00	10 00					12 00
Friendship, - - -	1 27	1 00	1 00				3 27
	$43 47	186 60	32 50		1 00	3 00	266 57

Amount brought down, - - - - - -	$266 57
Amount of public collection on Sunday, for the Convention, -	17 00
Amount of collection to aid in building a house for Elder M. T. Yates, at Shanghai, in China, - - - - - -	20 75
Total, - - - - - -	$304 32

We further find, that brother Elias Dodson has in his hands the sum of forty-five dollars and twenty-five cents, as a part of the amount due him as our Missionary for twelve months, which is to be taken out of the amount as stated in the table.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

August 18*th*, 1851. THOS. W. GRAVES, *Chairman.*

Note.—Elm Grove church paid to Elder John Robertson, Missionary of the Convention, the sum of $35, and Goodwill church, the sum of $25; Leaksville $50, and Madison about $40, which accounts for their not sending up funds to the Association for Domestic Missions.

N. J. PALMER, *Clerk.*

Elder J. J. James, chairman of the Committee on Education, presented the following report:—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Your committee can scarcely express in the calm language of a report, the deep, and even enthusiastic interest, which is now taken in the education of the young. Among all the improvements of the age, nothing has advanced more rapidly than scholastic education; and the multiplication of schools, and the facilities afforded for the mental culture and discipline of the rising generation, present one of the most striking peculiarities of our age and country—nor is solid, substantial education, esteemed too highly. It is the most valuable treasure which a nation, a community, or an individual, can have. It lays the foundation of influence, of power, and of wealth; and is the surest way to eminence and superiority. But remark cannot now be necessary in a body like this, to set forth the importance of this subject.

Your committee take pleasure in alluding to the present prosperous condition of Wake Forest college. The obstructions which have heretofore impeded the progress of the college, have been gradually giving way, and the institution is now enjoying a large amount of public patronage and favor. It is now sending out annually, a valuable influence in favor of truth, and the improvement of society. Let us continue to foster and support our college, until it has gained that eminence which its founders designed it to have. It has now an agency to raise an endowment, and sell scholarships, which is a subject of much importance to us and the institution.

Your committee are also happy to have it in their power, to invite attention to our female college, which has been opened since the last meeting of this body. This institution, designed to promote female education of the best order, we have long needed as a denomination, and its establishment has met with the general and almost universal approbation of our church. A healthy and very beautiful location has been obtained, adjoining the town of Oxford, in Granville county, and measures are now being taken for erecting another large building, for the accommodation of the pupils of the college.

This institution, if sustained, must be of immense importance to our denomination. Indeed, it is impossible for us to keep pace with the times, without schools, both for male and female education. Let us patronize our own schools in preference to others, and it will greatly add to our strength. By sending to the schools of other denominations, we are impoverishing ourselves, and building up others, and are at the same time, attaching the children of Baptists to other denominations, to a very great extent. This is an evil of great magnitude, and it has injured the Baptists more than perhaps any other one thing.

Your committee would also before closing this report, recommend to the favorable notice of our brethren, the Milton Female Academy, under the management of our esteemed brother Elder A. McDowell and lady. This school, though not of a denominational character, is nevertheless, located within the bounds of this body, and eminently deserves to be well sustained.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. J. JAMES, *Chairman.*

The reading of the report was followed by interesting and appropriate addresses by Elders J. S. Purify and J. J. James, showing the importance of sustaining our own schools, after which the report was unanimously adopted.

Elder J. H. Lacy, from the Committee on the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, offered the following resolution as a report from that committee:—

Resolved, That the churches of this Association be requested to make a public collection at their church meetings in September, to aid the funds of the Convention.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Brother Stinceon Ivy, from the Committee on Foreign Missions, presented the following report:—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee on Foreign Missions, beg leave to report the following:—

It affords us great pleasure to say, that the cause of foreign missions is not only authorized by Divine truth, but that God sanctions and blesses it to the salvation of souls. This should cause us to move in that glorious work with increased alacrity. During the last year circumstances have occurred, which shew that the foreign mission cause, especially in China, is in a much more flourishing condition than it formerly was.

The Southern Board is actively engaged in sending missionaries into foreign fields. That Board has several missionaries in foreign lands, and many more would be sent out, if there was a sufficiency of means now in hand. This is a subject to which we would call the special attention of the churches. We would recommend to the pastors of the several churches composing this Association, to preach a sermon before each church in behalf of the foreign missionary cause, and take up public collections in the congregations, and send up the funds to the next meeting of the Beulah Association, that they may send it to the treasurer of the Southern Board. We would also recommend to the churches composing this Association, to hold concert prayer meetings on the first Sunday or Monday evening in each month, and that they make collections once in three months, and send the funds collected to the next meeting of this Association.

We hope the time is not far distant, when each Association in North Carolina will sustain at least one missionary in foreign lands. The Southern Board should be made able not only to send out more missionaries, but to build comfortable dwellings for them.

The Home and Foreign Missionary Journal, published by brother H. K. Ellyson, in Richmond, Virginia, should be taken by every Baptist in this Association.

Respectfully submitted. STINCEON IVEY, *Ch'n.*

The report was unanimously adopted.

Elder Elias Dodson, Chairman of the Committee on Home Missions, presented, through brother J. M. Allen, the following report:—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Committee on Home Missions, present the following report:—

The destitution of our own State, and of the Southern States, should be speedily supplied, for the present generation will soon be no more. The missionaries should employ all their leisure time in reading. This is an intelligent age, and they cannot interest a congregation long, unless they are erudite. If they are young, and have not the advantage of an early education, they could attend school every winter, and more interest their congregations in the summer and fall; but even in the winter they could preach every Sabbath while attending school. To promote intelligence, they should procure libraries for Sabbath schools, churches and ministers, as well as circulate religious newspapers. To prevent coveteousness on one side, and extravagance on the other, we would recommend moderate salaries to our missionaries. This will prevent the people from saying they are following Christ for the loaves and fishes, as well as employ more laborers in the field. Some regard, however, may be had to the country where the missionaries preach, and to their talents.

Respectfully submitted. ELIAS DODSON, *Chairman.*

The report was unanimously received, and ordered to be published with the Minutes.

Elder Robert B. Jones, from the Committee on Publications and Periodicals, presented the following report:

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS AND PERIODICALS.

Your committee, to whom was referred the subject of Publications and Periodicals, having had the same under consideration, beg leave to submit the following report:—

We feel that we cannot too highly recommend the circulation of publications and periodicals. The press is a powerful engine for the diffusion of knowledge. Let us then use this as an auxiliary in disseminating the principles of truth and virtue.

Your committee would earnestly recommend the Biblical Recorder, edited by our able and efficient brother T. W. Tobey, as worthy of the patronage of our denomination. This periodical is the only organ of the Baptist denomination in North Carolina. It is chaste in language, neat in style, and sound in doctrine. We heartily approve of the spirit and ability of the present editor.

We would also recommend the Home and Foreign Missionary Journal, published monthly, in Richmond, Va., at 25 cents a year, and the Baptist Preacher, published monthly, at $1 a year.

We would furthermore recommend to our ministering brethren the Complete Works of Andrew Fuller. Fuller to the minister, is what Blackstone is to the lawyer.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROBERT B. JONES, *Chairman.*

The report was unanimously approved, and ordered to be published with the Minutes.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Association is well pleased with the present arrangement in regard to the publication of the Biblical Recorder, and recommend it to the patronage of the brethren.

Brother J. M. Allen, from the Committee on the query from Beulah church, relative to dancing (in the absence of the Chairman of that committee), presented the following report:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DANCING.

The Committee on Dancing beg leave to submit the following report:—

Dancing of no kind is incorporated in the commands of the Christian code. The arguments for the amusement are as follows:—It is no harm of itself, when in private and for exercise; there are greater evils; it is a part of education, and beneficial to the temporal interests of children. We would answer, that we cannot separate anything from its consequences, any more than we can separate the spring from the branch. If a man drinks and gambles in private and for exercise, he will soon do so in public. We will admit that there are greater evils. Murder is a greater evil than drunkenness and gambling; but it does not follow that the latter are no evils. We should not add to evils, but subtract from them. It is no part of education. The best dancers are apt to be the worst scholars. As to its temporal advantage, we would say, that whatever injures the spiritual welfare of nations or individuals, is always injurious to their temporal interest.

The following are the evils of dancing, as in the query:—

1st. It is injurious to Christian love, the great law of Christ.—John xiii: 34. If one or two children do anything which is no advantage to themselves or others, and which wounds the remaining part of the family, they impair the love which exists among the members. Dancing generally throws all the pious members of a church into deep mourning.

2nd. It is hostile to the existence of a permanent and pious ministry. In such circumstances, a holy pastor is in deep sorrow, and sooner or later leaves the church.

3rd. It is opposed to one of the great commands of the Bible to Christian parents, to bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.—Ephesians vi: 4.

4th. It breaks down discipline in the church.

5th. It injures benevolence. It requires money, and the retrenchment will always be made from what is given to God.

6th. It is generally associated with other evils, and we are commanded to abstain from every appearance of evil.

7th. It retards the moral conquest of the world, by destroying the confidence of the people in professors of religion, and by creating infidelity.

It is gratifying to know that all the ministers of this Association are opposed to it.

We would answer the query in the negative.

ELIAS DODSON, *Chairman,*
J. H. LACY,
THOMAS D. OLDHAM,
S. S. LEA,
N. J. PALMER,
AZARIAH GRAVES,
J. M. ALLEN,
STEPHEN PLEASANTS,
Committee.

The report was unanimously adopted.

The Committee on Ministers' and Deacons' Meetings presented the following report:—

Resolved, That there be four divisions for ministers' and deacons' meetings; two in the eastern, and two in the western section of this Association.

Unanimously adopted.

On motion, bro. N. J. Palmer, the Clerk, was appointed to lay off the divisions and appoint the meetings.

Elder E. Dodson, through brother J. M. Allen, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That we have male and female schools in this Association, preparatory to Oxford (female) and Wake Forest (male) Colleges, and that we recommend every Association in this State to do the same. Besides our male and female school at Madison, we want a male school in our eastern, and a female school in the centre of our western section.

Brother N. J. Palmer offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Presbytery of this Association be composed of all the ordained ministers in the Association, or those having charge of the churches in the Association, four of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Brother J. M. Allen offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be, and they are hereby tendered to the brethren and friends of this community, for their unsurpassed kindness and hospitality to us during the session of this Association.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Clerk have one thousand copies of these Minutes printed and distributed, and that he be allowed the same for his services as last year.

The Association having gone through with all the business, a motion for adjournment was made and carried.

After singing the hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds," &c., and prayer by Elder James S. Purify, the Moderator declared the Association adjourned, to meet again with the church at Ephesus, Person county, N. C., Friday before the 3rd Sabbath in August, 1852.

STEPHEN PLEASANTS, *Moderator.*

N. J. PALMER, *Clerk.*
J. M. ALLEN, *Ass't Clerk.*

MINUTES

OF THE

NINETEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT

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August 13th, 14th, 15th, and 16th, 1852.

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Note.—According to the provision of an Act of the General Assembly of North Carolina on the subject of Religious Societies, all bequests or donations to the Association, or the Societies or Schools connected with it, can be made to the Trustees appointed for that purpose, and held by them as a Corporation; the donor or devisor having the right to specify the objects to which he may wish it applied.

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Elder Stephen Pleasant,
Elder John H. Lacy,
Elder Archibald McDowell,
James M. Allen,
Sidney S. Lea,
William M. Faulkner,
N. J. Palmer.

Proceedings.

EPHESUS MEETING HOUSE, N. C.
FRIDAY, August 13th, 1852.

The members of the Beulah Association met with the Baptist church at this place, according to its last adjournment. The introductory sermon was preached according to the appointment of the last Association by the Rev. Stinceon Ivey, of Madison, from John 5th chapter, part of 39th verse: "Search the Scriptures."

After the conclusion of the sermon, and a short intermission, the Association was called to order, by the Rev. Stephen Pleasant, the Moderator of the last Association, and its proceedings were opened by singing and prayer by Rev. R. I. Devin of Oxford. The list of churches being called by the Assistant Clerk, the delegates from the different churches presented themselves as delegates, as follows:

Beulah church—Elder Elias Dodson and I. B. Pleasant.
Clement—Stephen Wilkerson, B. D. Harris and Nathaniel Villiers.
Cane Creek—Thomas J. Cate, Wyatt Cate and Thomas D. Oldham.
Elm Grove—Jonas Case, James Locke and Isaac Oaks.
Ephesus—Obediah Faulkner, Samuel B. Woody and Joseph Moore.
Friendship—William Tedder, John Bennett and Joseph Smith.
Greensborough—Elder E. Dodson.
Goodwill—Robert Jones* and John Lewis*
Hogan's Creek—E. Dodson and Edward Noles.
Judson—A letter, but no Delegates.
Kerr's Chapel—Hosea McNeil, T. W. Graves and Wm. J. Moore.
Leaksville—No letter or Delegates.
Mount Olive—Wm. B. Bogles and J. E. Cramner.
Milton—N. J. Palmer, J. M. Allen, and Henry A. Powell.*
Madison—Stinceon Ivey, J. M. Lindsay and Milton Stamps.
Mount Hermon—John M. Blackwood, James N. Strayhorn and Thomas S. Faucett.
Mill Creek—Thomas Buchanan, J. W. Hurt and James Younger.
Mar's Hill—John Redding, James S. Watson,* J. M. Ward.
Mount Airy—Robert Jones,* John Lewis,* and Elder J. H. Caudle.
Trinity—R. W. Lawson,* Calvin Graves and A. Graves.
Yanceyville—Sidney S. Lea, Philip Hadnett and William Graves.

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*Absentees.

Ordained ministers, ex-officio members of the Association.—Elders S. Pleasant, J. J. James, John Robertson,* George W. Purify,* Elias Dodson, J. H. Lacy, A. McDowell, Charles Duncan,* Julius Terrell,* Jesse Howell,* Robert B. Jones,* John H. Caudle and Robert Gouley.

It appearing that a majority of the churches were represented, the Association proceeded to elect a Moderator, when on motion, Elder S. Pleasant was *unanimously* re-elected to that office.

An invitation to correspondents from sister Associations was then given, when the following delegates presented themselves and took seats with us, viz: from the Flat River Association—Elder R. I. Devin, brother Abner Dixon.

From Roanoke Association—brethren John Cobbs and Beverly Lindsay, with minutes.

From Raleigh Association—Elder T. W. Tobey with minutes of that body.

On motion, the following committees were then appointed, to wit:

Committee on Finance—Obadiah Faulkner, P. Hadnett, A. Graves.

Committee to arrange religious exercises—Elder J. J. James, Obadiah Faulkner, Samuel B. Woody, S. Pleasant, N. J. Palmer.

Committee of Arrangements—E. Dodson, J. M. Allen, S. Pleasant, S. S. Lea, Calvin Graves and A. Graves.

On motion, the following committees were appointed to report to this body.

On Sabbath Schools—E. Dodson, J. N. Strayhorn, Thos. S. Fawcett.

On Education—Calvin Graves, S. Ivey, J. H. Caudell.

On N. C. Baptist State Convention—J. M. Allen, Robert Gouley, James M. Ward.

On Foreign Missions—J. J. James, T. W. Graves, Milton Stamps.

On Home Missions—J. H. Lacy, Jonas Cates, T. D. Oldham.

On Publications and Periodicals—S. Ivey, S. S. Lea, Isaac Oaks.

On Temperance—T. W. Tobey, R. I. Devin and N. J. Palmer.

On motion, the requests from Madison church for the ordination of brother S. Ivey, and from Milton church for the ordination of brother Thos. S. Yarbrough was referred to the Presbytery.

On motion, the Association now adjourned until to-morrow morning, to give place to the Beulah Bible Society.

SATURDAY MORNING, August 14th, 9 o'clock.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder J. H. Lacy.

The Assistant Clerk proceeded to call the roll, and read the minutes of yesterday.

On motion, the Rev. T. W. Tobey was appointed to preach the Missionary sermon on to-morrow in place of Elder J. L. Pritchard who has removed from this vicinity.

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*Absentees.

The report of the committee of Arrangements was then read and accepted.

The assistant clerk then proceeded to read the letters from the different churches. A letter was also read from Rev. Julius Terrell giving an account of the formation of several arms or branches of churches within the bounds of the Association.

A request from the Greensboro church asking that a committee be sent to that place to assist them in settling a difficulty in said church, was referred to a committee consisting of Elder J. J. James, S. S. Lea and Phillip Hadnett.

On motion of brother Calvin Graves, the Association then engaged in prayer for guidance in this matter. Elder Thomas W. Tobey led in prayer.

Brother Jno. Faulkner appeared as a Delegate from the Dan River Association, and brother N. Hereford from Liberty Association, and were invited to take seats with us.

The report of the Committee on Temperance by Elder Thomas W. Tobey was then presented and read as follows :

Report on Temperance.

No christian can look with indifference upon the advancement of a cause, which has for its object the promotion of the happiness or welfare of mankind. The cause of Temperance bears this character; your Committee have learned with pleasure, that the number of the friends of Temperance reform is annually increasing. They would advise. in order that we may manifest our sympathy with, and approbation of, this movement, the passage of the following resolution.

Resolved, That this Association recommends to every professed follower of Christ, over whom it has any influence, to use his utmost exertion to prevent the manufacture, the sale, and the use of intoxicating liquors, except for medicinal and mechanical purposes. T. W. TOBEY, *Chm'n.*

After interesting remarks by brethren P. S. Henson, R. I. Devin, Calvin Graves, E. Dodson, T. W. Tobey, it was adopted.

Brother D. B. McGehee, a correspondent from Dan River Association, then appeared and took a seat with us.

Correspondents to the N. C. Baptist State Convention were then called on to report, and satisfactory reports were rendered.

Satisfactory reports were also given from delegates who attended sister Associations.

Brother J. M. Allen offered the following preamble and resolution which were unanimously adopted.

Whereas, Since the last session of this Association, a male school has been established in Milton, N. C., with a charter from the Legislature, under the name of the Milton Male Classical Institute as preparatory to Richmond and Wake Forest Colleges, and from the very high testimonials as to the character and qualifications of our brother P. S. Henson, the principal of said school; therefore,

Resolved, That this Association concur with the Dan River and Flat River

Associations, in earnestly recommending this institution to the patronage of their brethren and friends generally as worthy of their support and confidence.

The Association then adjourned until 2 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION, August 14th, 1852.

The Association met according to adjournment.

The Presbytery reported favorably to the ordination of brethren Ivey and Yarbrough; when on motion, the ordination was appointed to take place on to-morrow evening immediately preceding the evening services.

Elder John G. Mills and brother Josiah Dabbs appeared as correspondents from the Dan River Association, and were cordially invited to take seats with us.

Brother N. J. Palmer offered the following resolution, which on motion was laid on the table until Monday.

Resolved, That an Executive Board be established, and hereafter annually appointed to manage such business in this Association as may be confided to them, and to fill any vacancies that may occur in the intervals of the meetings, consisting of seven members including the Moderator and Clerk, who shall make a report of their proceedings to each annual meeting of this Assoacition.

On motion, a Committee consisting of Elders J. J. James, R. I. Devin, J. H. Lacy, S. Pleasant, and brother N. J. Palmer be appointed to enquire into the expediency of appointing a misionary to the Western portion of this Association.

On motion, the Moderator and the two Clerks make out a list of Delegates to sister Associations, and report on Monday next.

On motion, the following were appointed delegates to next session of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention: Elders J. J. James, E. Dodson, Robt. B. Jones, J. H. Lacy, Archibald McDowell, Robert Gouley, Stinceon Ivey, John Robertson, brethren Calvin Graves, N. J. Palmer, John Kerr, J. M. Allen, William M. Faulkner, T. D. Oldham, A. Graves, Thomas S. Faucett, Thomas J. Valentine, P. S. Henson, Dr. S. A. Powell, Willie J. Palmer, M. Stamps, J. N. Strayhorn, Thomas J. Cate, William M. Ward, Wyatt Cate, W. J. Witherington, John M. Blackwood, Dr. John J. Boswell and J. M. Lindsay.

The Association then proceeded to appoint the place for holding the next session of this Association, when on motion, the next session meet with the church at Mount Airy, Surry county, N. C., commencing on Friday before the third Lord's day in August, 1853. Elder John H. Lacy was appointed to preach the introductory sermon.

On motion, the Association now adjourn until Monday morning, 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Elder Thomas W. Tobey.

SUNDAY, August 15th, 1852.

At 9 o'clock, a. m., an Associational prayer meeting was held in the church, conducted by brother N. J. Palmer.

At 10'clock the services commenced at the stand, with a sermon by Elder R. I. Devin, of Oxford.

He was followed by Rev. Thomas W. Toboy of Raleigh, late missionary to China, who preached the missionary sermon from 1st Corinthians, 10th chapter, 15th verse, after which the objects of the N. C. Baptist State Convention were briefly explained by Elder J. J. James, when a public collection was taken up amounting to $63. During the collection, the congregation sung the missionary hymn,

"From Greenland's icy mountains," &c.

After a short intermission, brother Thomas S. Yarbrough, a licentiate of the Milton church, and Stinceon Ivey of the Madison church, having (at the request of said churches) been examined, and approved of by the Presbytery, were solemnly set apart by ordination to the important work of the ministry. The services were as follows:

After singing a hymn, Ordaining Prayer by Elder S Pleasant; Charge to the candidates by Elder Thomas W. Tobey; Presentation of the Bible by Elder R. I. Devin; and the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the Presbytery, by Elder J. J. James. The services were deeply interesting and were witnessed by a very large audience. The closing sermon was then preached by Elder John G. Mills of Virginia, from Luke 8th chapter, 47th and 48th verses.

There was preaching for the colored congregation in the meeting house, by Elders Robert Gouley and John H. Caudle.

During the entire services of the day the best attention was given to the preached word, and an unusual degree of decorum marked the large congregation in attendance, and we have every reason to hope that a new and more general interest was awakened in behalf of the missionary cause.

MONDAY MORNING, August 16th, 1852.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder J. J. James.

The roll was then called.

On motion Elder S. Pleasants was appointed to preach the missionary sermon before the next Association.

On motion, the resolution of brother N. J. Palmer, which was laid on the table on Saturday was taken up and passed.

The Executive Committee were appointed as follows: Elder S. Pleasant, N. J. Palmer, J. M. Allen, J. H. Lacy, S. S. Lea, A. McDowell, and W. M. Faulkner.

Brother D. A. Harris appeared as a delegate from Flat River Association, and took a seat with us.

Corresponding delegates were then appointed as follows:

To Flat River Association, to be held at Brassfield's meeting house, Granville county, Friday before the second Sabbath in August, 1853—Elders J. J. James, George W. Purify, brethren Obadiah Faulkner, William A. Bradsher, William M. Faulkner and J. W. Hunt.

To Dan River Association, to be held at Clover meeting house, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1853—Elders J. J. James, John H. Lacy, A. McDowell, brethren James M. Allen, Nathaniel J.

Palmer, William M. Faulkner, Poindexter S. Henson, and J. W. Hunt.

To Roanoke Association, to be held at Zummersett meeting house, Pittsylvania county, Virginia, on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in August, 1852—Elders John H. Lacy, Archibald McDowell, J. J. James, brethren James M. Allen, A. Graves, Nathaniel J. Palmer and Poindexter S. Henson.

To Liberty Association, commencing at Holloway's meeting house on Saturday before the fourth Sabbath in August, 1852—Elders J. H. Caudle, Robert Gouley, John Robertson, Julius Terrell, brethren J. W. Gibson, Dr. S. A. Powell, Orrin Churchill, Jonas Case, Isaac Oakes, W. J. Witherington.

To Sandy Creek Association, to be held in Pittsborough on Friday before 1st Sabbath in October, 1852—Elders J. J. James, George W. Purify, John H. Lacy, brethren Thomas D. Oldham, James M. Allen, Thomas J. Cate, John Redding, J. S. Watson, Nathaniel J. Palmer, William M. Ward, Wyatt Cate, Stephen Wilkerson.

To Raleigh Association, to meet at Rolesville, on Friday before the fourth Sabbath in September, 1852—Elders George W. Purify, J. J. James, Jesse Howell, brethren James N. Strayhorn, Archibald C. Hunter, Alvis Durham, John Cheek, Wyatt Cate, James M. Allen.

To Yadkin Association, to meet at Union meeting house on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in October—Elders J. H. Lacy, Julius Terrell, J. H. Caudle, Robert Gouley, Charles Duncan, E. Dodson, brethren Kimbrough Thompson, Nathaniel J. Palmer, Dr. S. A. Powell, John Kerr and Robert Cate.

On motion *Resolved*, That any member of this Association, who may find it convenient to attend either of the foregoing Associations or the State Convention be authorized to present themselves as delegates.

Elder Elias Dodson, chairman of the committee on Sabbath Schools, presented the following report:

Report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools.

We regret that the churches do not generally pay more attention to Sabbath Schools. They are an instrumentality powerful for good and powerless for evil. They are the mighty auxiliaries for christianity. Never will our churches exert all their moral influence till they all have flourishing Sabbath Schools.

The Christian father, who for 20 years carries his children regularly to the Sabbath School, benefits them more than if he were to give them each ten thousands dollars.

From the ranks of Sabbath Schools, we are to receive our active christians, working ministers at home, and self-denying missionaries in heathen lands.

E. DODSON, *Chairman.*

On motion, it was unanimously adopted.

Brother James M. Allen, chairman of the Committee on the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, presented as his report the following resolutions;

Resolved, That this Association has increased confidence in the important objects of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, and most heartily commend it to the support of their brethren and churches.

Resolved, That each minister or Pastor of a church within the bounds of this Association, be, and they are hereby *earnestly* requested to preach a sermon in behalf of the Convention, and take up a public collection at one of their monthly meetings between this time and the meeting of the Convention.

Respectfully submitted, J. M. ALLEN, *Chairman.*

After very interesting remarks by Elders Thomas W. Tobey, R. I. Devin and Elias Dodson, the resolutions were *unanimously* adopted.

Elder J. J. James, chairman of the committee on Foreign Missions presented the following:

Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions report, That at no former period have our Foreign Missions been in a more prosperous condition than at present. Indications of the divine favor on this department of christian effort have been constantly multiplying. And God is cheering the hearts of his people to make greater sacrifices to send the gospel to the benighted nations of the earth.

Christian Missionaries are now laboring to a greater or less extent in perhaps all the nations of our globe; and the day is rapidly approaching from present indications, in which the church shall witness the salvation of all men. The Southen Board of Foreign Missions, which has been organized only a few years, has now in its employ fifteen missionaries and assistants in China, and five others on their way to that field, and 17 in Africa.

Reports from our Missionaries are generally of an encouraging character, and should stimulate us to give liberally to sustain our brethren at the posts to which they have been sent.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. J. JAMES, *Chairman.*

On motion, the report was unanimously adopted.

Brother C. Graves from the Committee on Education, made the following report:

Report on Education.

The Committee on Education are happy to report that, they have evidence of increased activity and zeal on the part of our denomination, in behalf of the cause of Education. Our preparatory schools within the limits of this Association, have increased in number, and advanced in efficiency; and our high schools have already attained a degree of excellence, which affords facilities for obtaining extended and thorough education.

The Baptists of North Carolina under the lead of our distinguished brother, the Rev. Dr. Samuel Wait, founded at Wake Forest, a male college.—The Trustees in their ardor for advancing the great purpose for which it was established, too far anticipated their available means, and incurred a large debt, in getting under way. To meet these liabilities, and to relieve the College from its embarassments, we have had many difficulties to encounter.—Ultimately however, success crowned the efforts of its friends, and we are now proud to be able to call public attention to the high claims and the rapidly advancing popularity of this College. We do not claim for it superiority in instruction, but we maintain that scholarship *here*, will loose nothing by comparison with other colleges of renown; and we do claim that from its favorable location, and the influences by which it is directed and supervised, the morals of the students are better guarded, and more successfully protected than at any other similar Institution of which we have any knowledge.

Your Committee refer with no less satisfaction to our Female College recently established at Oxford, in Granville county. Doctor Wait, the President of this College, and the accomplished teachers who are associated with him, are winning for it a proud position; and the period has now come, when our people can have the means of obtaining for their daughters, thorough education in a College of their own founding, and under their own supervision.

We cannot too strongly recommend these institutions to public favor, confident as we are of the learning, ability, efficiency and piety of the distinguished teachers who have charge of them.

Of the second class of schools, the one at Milton under the direction of the Rev. A. McDowell is entitled to high consideration. From the time of its organization, it has commanded the approbation of those who have tried it. Recently, it has increased its claims to public patronage, by adding to its corps of Instructors, two young ladies of high character and fine attainments.

Your Committee learn that the Trustees of the male school in Milton have procured a highly acceptable and well-qualified teacher, and that that school has recently opened under favorable auspices. The testimonials exhibited by brother Henson, (the teacher) shew that he is a gentlemen of excellent character and fine attainments.

And whilst our attention is directed to the importance of establishing and sustaining schools of high order within the limits of our Association, we trust that our brethren will not allow their interest to flag in behalf of the Education department of the Baptist State Convention. This department (it will be remembered) is directed to the education of pious young men for the ministry, who come recommended by the churches of which they are members, and who, in the opinion of their churches, are mentally and morally qualified for that sacred office, but are defective in education, and have not the means of obtaining it. To prove the importance of this great enterprise, no argument is needed. The work is not new to us, and the happy results which have flown from the labors of this department heretofore, are eminently encouraging.

Your Committee recommend that our Association, and the churches composing it, come up to this noble work with the enlarged views and feelings of christians and patriots, and enter upon it with the unalterable purpose to do their duty; and allow us the happiness to see the number of beneficiaries in Wake Forest College speedily enlarged.

Respectfully submitted, C. GRAVES, *Chairman.*

The Association was addressed by Elders J. J. James, Elias Dodson, brethren N. J. Palmer and Calvin Graves and others. The report was unanimously adopted, and ordered to be published with the minutes.

Elder J. H. Lacy, Chairman of the Committee on Home Missions, presented the following resolution (instead of a report) which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee of one be appointed on Foreign Missions, one on Home Missions, and one on Education, to report at the next meeting of the Association at Mt. Airy.

The Committee on Foreign Missions—Hon. Calvin Graves.

Committee on Home Missions—Elder John H. Lacy.

Committee on Education—P. S. Henson.

Elder S. Ivey, Chairman of the Committee on Publications and Periodicals, presented the following :

Report of the Committee on Publications.

The Committee on Publications and Periodicals, beg leave to offer the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the Biblical Recorder, edited by brother Thomas W. Tobey, is now the denominational paper of the Regular Baptists in this State, and that *every Baptist* in this Association ought to use his influence to extend its circulation.

Resolved, That the Home and Foreign Journal ought to be taken by every Baptist in this Association.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

S. IVEY, *Chairman.*

After interesting remarks by brother Calvin Graves and others, the resolutions were unanimously adopted, and a number of names were given in as subscribers to the Biblical Recorder.

Elder E. Dodson, our Domestic Missionary, presented the following Report :

During the Associational year, I have travelled 4360 miles and preached 176 sermons, I have sold books to the amount of $230.

I have obtained for the Recorder 4 subscribers ; for the Herald 3 ; for the Baptist Preacher 3 ; for the Christian Review 1 ; for the Home and Foreign Journal 42. I have baptized 17 persons and attended some interesting protracted meetings.

E. DODSON.

On motion, the report was accepted, and brother Dodson continued our Missionary to labor within the bounds of this body, at such places as he deems most expedient.

Elder J. J. James, from the Committee appointed in relation to the difficulty existing in the Greensborough church, made a report recommending the appointment of a committee to visit that church and endeavor to arrange and settle the same. The Committee were appointed as follows : Brother Calvin Graves, Elders J. J. James, John H. Lacy, brethren N. J. Palmer, T. Oldham, J. M. Lindsay and Milton Stamps, to meet at Greensborough on Tuesday after the second Sabbath in September, 1852.

A letter was received and read from Elder John Robertson appointed a Missionary at the last Association, in which he stated that on account of ill health, he was unable to serve but one month.

On motion, the Treasurer was directed to pay him twenty dollars for his services.

Elder J. J. James, from the Committee appointed to inquire into the expediency of employing a Missionary to travel in the Western section of this Association, made a report that it is inexpedient at this time to do so ; which report was concurred in by the Association.

On motion of brother Thomas W. Graves, the Clerk was directed to have eight hundred copies of the Minutes printed at the Biblical Recorder office and distributed to the churches and neighboring Associations.

On motion, the Clerks were allowed the sum of fifteen dollars for their services.

On motion of brother N. J. Palmer and seconded by brother P. Hadnett, the church at Yanceyville was added to the eastern section of the Association.

On motion, the Presbytery of the Association is continued the same as last year, with the addition of Elders Robert Gouley, Stinceon Ivey and Thomas S. Yarbrough.

Brother A. Graves, from the Committee of Finance made a report which was accepted and the Committee discharged.

On motion of brother J. M. Allen,

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be, and they are hereby tendered to the brethren and friends of this community for their unsurpassed kindness and hospitality to us during the session.

The Association having agreed to adjourn, the parting hymn commencing "Blest be the tie that binds," &c., was then sung by the members. Elder R. I. Devin led in prayer.

The Moderator then announced that this Association stands adjourned to meet with the church at Mount Airy, Surry county, N. C., on Friday before the third Sabbath in August, 1853.

STEPHEN PLEASANT, *Moderator.*

N. J. PALMER, } *Clerks.*
J. M. ALLEN, }

Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	Rec'd by baptism.	Received by letter.	Dismissed by letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total fellowship.	Contingent Fund.	Domestic Missionary Fund.	Foreign Missionary Fund.
Beulah,	10		2			26	1 00	13 75	3 00
Clement,	6		2		1	64	2 00	10 00	12 50
Cane Creek,			8	9	2	194	4 12	10 00	
Ephesus,	1	1	7	1	1	135	3 00	10 00	2 90
Elm Grove,	1	4	7			39	2 00	3 16	1 66
Friendship,	3		4	3	1	54	2 00	5 00	
Goodwill,			4		1	53	1 00	1 41	1 41
Greensborough,	4					30	1 00	2 44	2 10
Hogan's Creek,	2					47	1 75	28 30	2 10
Judson,				1		8	1 50		
Kerr's Chapel,			1			17	2 00	22 00	53
Leaksville,*						69			
Milton,	22	2	3	3	1	130	4 00	5 00	6 13
Mill Creek,	17		2	3	2	88	2 20	10 30	
Madison,	4	1	2	1		131	2 56	3 45	14 05
Mars's Hill,	9		1	2		109	2 50	7 50	
Mount Hermon,	13			1	1	87	1 50	3 50	
Mount Airy,		4	3			15	1 00	2 00	
Mount Olive,	2	4				36	1 50	2 50	
Trinity,	2	3				34	3 00	27 00	5 00
Yanceyville,	24	2	1	1	2	104	3 00	27 50	
Total,	120	21	47	25	12	1460	42 63	194 81	39 38

*Number reported last year, no letter this year.

List of Pastors, of Churches, Clerks and their Post Offices.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.
Beulah,	Elias Dodson,	J. B. Pleasant,	Leasburg, N. C.
Clement,	Stephen Pleasant,	Thomas K. Glenn,	Gordentown, “
Cane Creek,	G. W. Purify,	T. D. Oldham,	Hillsboro', “
Ephesus,	J. J. James,	O. Faulkner,	Cunningham's Store
Elm Grove,	Robert Gouley,	Dr. S. A. Powell,	Bruce X Roads.
Friendship,	J. H. Caudle,	Henry Ferguson,	Germanton, N. C.
Goodwill,	J. H. Caudle,	A. Barrow,	Bellew's Creek, “
Greensborough,	Elias Dodson,	O. Churchill,	Greensborough, “
Hogan's Creek,	Elias Dodson,	Woodson Johnson,	Reidsville, “
Judson,	Charles Duncan,	W. C. Moore,	Martin's Lime Kiln,
Kerr's Chapel,	Elias Dodson,	T. W. Graves,	Stoney Creek, N. C.
Leaksville,	John Robertson,	G. H. Chaplain,	Leaksville, “
Milton,	John H. Lacy,	A. G. Stevens,	Milton, “
Mill Creek,	Stephen Pleasant,	J. W. Hunt,	Roxborough, “
Madison,	John Robertson,	Milton Stamps,	Madison, “
Mar's Hill,	J. J. James, Mis'y,	James M. Ward,	Hillsborough, “
Mount Hermon,	Jesse Howell,	A. C. Hunter,	Hillsborough, “
Mount Airy,	John H. Caudle,	Felix Johnson,	Mount Airy, “
Mount Olive,	Elder Poindexter,	Alexander Bogles,	Little Yadkin, “
Trinity,	John H. Lacy,	William Slade,	Locust Hill, “
Yanceyville,	J. H. Lacy, acting,	Philip Hadnett,	Yanceyville, “

Licensed Ministers.

MADISON CHURCH—Stinceon Ivey, (now ordained) Thomas C. Lewis.
ELM GROVE CHURCH—W. J. Witherington and Jonas Case.
MILTON CHURCH—N. J. Palmer, Thomas S. Yarbrough, (now ordained.)

TREASURER'S REPORT.

N. J. Palmer, *Treasurer, &c., Aug. Session,* 1852,
In account with the Beulah Association.

CONTINGENT FUND.

To balance in hand at last report,		$14 51
To amount sent up from churches this session,		42 63
To amount from Beulah Bible and Publication Societies towards printing minutes of 1851,		10 00
Total,		$67 14

Credit.

By cash paid H. K. Ellyson of Richmond, Va., for printing 1000 copies of minutes of 1852,	$46 00	
By freight, &c. from Richmond,	1 25	
Freight on bundles of minutes to Madison,	25	
Allowance to Clerks for their services,	15 00	62 50
Balance in hands of Treasurer,		$ 4 64

DOMESTIC MISSIONARY FUND.

To balance on hand at last report,		$ 69 75
Amount received of churches at this session,		194 81
Amount of public collection on Sabbath for Convention,		63 00
Amount received by Elder E. Dodson of individuals,		1 43
Amount allowed by him for loss of time,		39 27
		$368 26

Credit.

By amount of Elder Elias Dodson's salary paid him,	$200 00	
By cash paid Elder John Robertson, Missionary, for one month's services,	20 00	
By cash sent up to the Convention,	63 00	283 00
Balance in the hands of Treasurer,		$85 26

From Kerr's Chapel for Bible Society,	$1 50
Publication Society,	50
	$2 00
By the amount paid A. G. Stevens, Treasurer,	$2 00

NATHANIEL J. PALMER, *Treasurer.*

N. B. From the above report, the churches will see the necessity of sending up more funds to the next meeting, or transmitting them to me directly to pay the contingent expenses of the Association. That branch of our funds has only $4 64 to pay towards the printing of the minutes of the present year.

N. J. PALMER.

FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

Amount contributed by churches,		$39 38

CREDIT.

Amount sent by Elias Dodson to Foreign Board at Richmond,	$7 20	
Amount paid T. W. Tobey by Milton church,	6 13	
Amount sent up to the Convention,	26 05	$39 38

CONVENTION FUND.

From Madison Church,	$4 18
From Friendship,	1 92
	$6 10

CREDIT.

By this amount sent up to the Convention,	$6 10

N. J. PALMER, *Treasurer*.

Sep. 1st, 1852.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Article 1. This Association shall be called the "Beulah Baptist Association."

2. This Association shall be composed of—first, all the ordained ministers who are members of, or have the pastoral charge of, the churches within this Associational district, who shall be members of the Association *ex-officio*. Secondly. Not more than three delegates from each church within the district aforesaid, who shall produce letters from the churches certifying their appointment; in which said letters shall be stated the numerical standing of said churches—showing their additions, losses and changes of membership, since the last annual Association.

3. The Association shall be held at least once a year, at such time and place as they may appoint; and shall be opened and closed with prayer.

4. The officers of the Association shall be—a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer; the two last offices, however, may be held by the same individual, should such be the pleasure of the Association.

5. The officers aforesaid shall be chosen at each annual session of the Association, by ballot or nomination, as may be the pleasure of a majority of the members. And the Clerk shall be deemed to continue in office until another is appointed; and shall at all times perform the duties of Treasurer, unless another individual be appointed to the latter office.

6. The Association shall have no right to interfere with the internal regulations of the churches, but may tender to them advice; and in

case any of them should become corrupt in doctrine or practice, exclude such from their fellowship; and shall also have the power to adopt such measures as may be deemed proper to promote the interest of the Redeemer's kingdom.

7. All committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

8. A committee of arrangements shall be appointed, of which the Moderator and Clerk shall be members, *ex officio.*

9. It shall be the duty of the committee of arrangements to prepare the business of the Association, and to consider the expediency or inexpediency of bringing any matter before the Association. The action of the committee, however, in relation to any matter, shall not be conclusive; and any matter, or proposition, which may be rejected by them, may be brought before the Association by any member thereof, who may not concur in their decision.

10. It shall be the duty of the Association to deliberate on the matter prepared by the committee, whether queries or propositions from the churches, or suggestions from the committee, and to make such responses, and offer such counsel, as may be deemed fit and proper.

11. The Association may invite Baptist ministers (who may be present) to a seat in their body, who shall be admitted to the privileges of counsel and debate only.

12. The power of appointing Presbyteries for the ordination of ministers and the constitution of churches within this district, shall be vested in this Association. And it shall be the duty of the Association, at each annual session, to appoint a standing Presbytery, to attend to all requests from the churches, relating to these matters, during the succeeding Associational year, and until another Presbytery shall be appointed.

13. The Association shall annually appoint an Executive Board to manage such business of the Association as may be be confided to them, and to fill any vacancies that may occur in the intervals of the meetings consisting of seven members, including the Moderator and Clerk, who shall make a report of their proceedings to each annual meeting of the Association.

14. This Constitution may be altered or amended, at the annual meetings of the Association, by a vote of two-thirds of the whole body.

RULES OF ORDER AND DECORUM.

1. The Moderator shall take the chair every day during the session, at the hour appointed at the adjournment, and call the members to order, and on the appearance of a quorum, cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read.

2. He shall preserve decorum and order, shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Association by any member.

3. He shall rise to put a question, but may state it sitting. He shall have the right to call any member to perform the duties of the chair temporarily.

4. The Moderator shall not vote on any question, unless the Association be equally divided.

5. He shall not speak in debate while occupying the chair, but may call another to the chair, and then he shall have the privilege of speaking, in common with any other member.

6. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Association, he shall rise from his seat and address himself to the Moderator.

7. When two or more members rise at the same time, the Moderator shall name the member to speak first.

8. No member shall speak more than twice to the same question, without leave of the Association.

9. No member shall absent himself, finally, from the Association without leave.

10. Decency of speech shall be observed, and personal reflections carefully avoided.

11. Whilst the Moderator is putting any question, or addressing the Association, no person shall speak, stand up, or walk out or across the house ; nor when a member is speaking, entertain private discourse, stand up, or pass between him and the Moderator.

12. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a day certain, to commit or to amend,—which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand arranged.

13. All committees shall consist of three members, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

14. A select committee shall be appointed on the first day of the Association, to select the ministers who are to preach on Saturday and the succeeding days of the meeting, and give notice thereof to the respective ministers, whose duty it shall be to conform to the arrangements thus made.

15. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be put by the Moderator, unless withdrawn by the mover.

16. No standing rule shall be rescinded, altered, or suspended, unless by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

17. The Constitution and Rules of Decorum and Order, shall be read on Saturday of each session of the Association.

APPENDIX.

Beulah Bible Society.

AUGUST 13th, 1852.

The Anniversary meeting of this Society was held in the church at 3 o'clock, P. M. Mr. Azariah Graves, the President, took the Chair, and its proceedings were opened after singing and prayer by Elder Stephen Pleasant. The annual sermon was then preached by Elder John H. Lacy, from Matthew 5th chapter, 14th verse.

The Constitution of the Society having been read, on motion of N. J. Palmer, Esq., a committee of three were appointed to draft a Constitution, and to propose a union of the Society with the Beulah Publication and Sunday School Society, under the name of the Beulah Bible and Publication Society. The President appointed Messrs. N. J. Palmer, J. J. James and J. M. Allen, to compose this Committee.

On motion, Messrs. Obadiah Faulkner and Sidney S. Lea were appointed a Committee to wait on the congregation, and receive the names of members and contributions in aid of the funds of the Society, who reported the sum of eleven dollars and twelve cents, as the amount of contributions.

The Society then adjourned, subject to the call of the President.—Prayer by Elder Lacy.

The Society met again on Saturday evening, when the Committee appointed to propose a union with the Publication and Sunday School Soty reported, that the proposition had been acceded to by that Society, and the constitution proposed adopted.

On motion, the Treasurer and Depository Agent were directed to deliver over all of the books and money on hand to the proper officers of that Society, and take a receipt for the same.

On motion, the Society then adjourned *sine die*.

A. GRAVES, *President.*

JAMES M. ALLEN, *Secretary.*

Treasurer's Report.

N. J. PALMER, *Treasurer*, 1851, *In account with Beulah Bible Society.*

To amount on hand at last Report,		$28 00
August, 1852. Cash received at Association,		11 12
Total,		$39 12
CREDIT.		
By cash paid towards printing Minutes of 1851,	$ 5 00	
By cash paid Treasurer of Beulah Bible and Publication Society as per order,	34 12	$39 12

NATHANIEL J. PALMER, *Treasurer.*

BEULAH PUB. AND S. S. SOCIETY.

SATURDAY EVENING, August 14th, 1852.

This Society held its third Anniversary with the Beulah Association at Ephesus Meeting House. The President, N. J. Palmer, Esq., took the Chair, and its proceedings were opened with prayer by the Rev. John G. Mills, of Virginia.

The Constitution of the Society was then read by Rev. J. J. James, and after singing an appropriate hymn, the Annual Sermon before the Society was preached by the Rev. Archibald McDowell of Milton, agreeable to the appointment of the last meeting.

At the conclusion of the sermon, after some remarks by the President, a Committee was appointed to wait on the congregation and receive the names of members and contributions towards the funds of the Society.

While the Committee were performing this duty, the congregation sang the Missionary Hymn commencing, "From Greenland's icy mountains," &c.

The collection amounted to the sum of eleven dollars and forty cents.

The Committee appointed for that purpose by the Beulah Bible Society, then proposed a union of the two Societies under the name and style of the "Beulah Bible and Publication Society," and presented the draft of a Constitution for that purpose, which was read by the Secretary.

The proposition was unanimously acceded to by the Society, and the Constitution proposed adopted.

A Committee consisting of J. J. James, John H. Lacy and James M. Allen, were then appointed to nominate officers of the Society, who reported the following:

Hon Calvin Graves, President.

Nathaniel J. Palmer and Azariah Graves, Esquires, Vice Presidents.

Capt. James M. Allen, of Milton, Secretary.

Albert G. Stevens, of Milton, Treasurer and Depository Agent.

Milton Stamps, Esq., of Madison, Assistant Depository Agent.

BOARD OF MANAGERS, LOCATED IN MILTON, N. C.—The officers with Gen. Thomas W. Graves, Dr. John J. Boswell, Richard Newbill, P. S. Henson, Joseph J. Yarbrough, William H. Kersey, Augustin Timberlake, Theodore Vaughan, Nimrod Thompson, Henry A. Powell, John T. Russell, and Peyton Ambrose.

The report was unanimously adopted.

The Treasurer's report of the Publication and Sunday School Society, was presented and received.

On motion, the Rev. J. J. James was appointed to deliver the next annual sermon or address before the Society.

All of the churches within the bounds of the Beulah Association were requested to form auxiliary Societies, and report to the Secretary of this Society.

On motion, the proceedings of the Society were directed to be published with the Minutes of the Beulah Association at the expense of the Society.

On motion, the Society then adjourned, after prayer by the Rev. R. I. Devin, of Oxford.

The Society subsequently held a meeting on Monday morning.—Calvin Graves, Esq., in the chair, when on motion of N. J. Palmer, Esq., the Rev. A. McDowell was requested to furnish a copy of his excellent sermon delivered before the Society for publication in the Biblical Recorder.

NATHANIEL J. PALMER, *President.*

JAMES M. ALLEN, *Secretary.*

Treasurer's Report, 1852.

A. G. STEVENS, *Treasurer of Beulah Pub. and S. S. Society,*
In account with the Society, Dr.

To cash on hand at last report,	$ 22 96
" Invoices of Books purchased to date,	133 46
" Amount of annual subscriptions paid up to this date,	9 51
" Cash received for sale of Books,	11 36
	$177 29

CR.

By Cash paid towards printing Minutes of Association for '51,	$ 5 00
" Postage account,	10
" Cash per freight, forwarding, &c., on box of books from Philadelphia,	2 25
" Cash paid freight, &c., on 1 box from Richmond,	1 00
" Cash paid for advertising in Biblical Recorder,	4 00
" Amount due Depository for Books, sold to 12th August, '52,	13 75
" Amount of Books in Depository at date,	130 29
" Cash in hands of Treasurer,	20 90
	$177 29

A. G. STEVENS, *Treasurer.*

Milton, August 12th, 1852.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

BEULAH BIBLE AND PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be called the Beulah Bible and Publication Society, and shall be considered as auxiliary to the North Carolina Baptist Bible and Publication Society.

ART 2. The objects of the Society shall be the encouragement of the circulation of the Bible, religious books and tracts, and to aid in the supply of Sabbath Schools with suitable books of instruction and libraries.

ART. 3. The officers of the Society shall be—a President, two Vice Presidents, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, and Depository Agent, to be appointed annually.

ART. 4. This Society shall hold its annual meetings with the Beulah Association, but intermediate meetings with the different churches may be held, upon the call of the President, or the two Vice Presidents.

Art 5. At the meetings the President shall preside, or if absent one of the Vice Presidents, and if neither be present, the Society shall appoint a President *pro tempore*. The Society shall record its proceedings, and the Treasurer and Depository Agent shall keep the funds and the books, also attend to their purchase and sale.

ART. 6. In the intervals of the meetings of the Society, its officers shall be managed by a Board of twelve Directors including the officers with them, as also members of the Board, who together with the Treasuror and Depository Agent, shall make an annual report of their proceedings to the Society.

ART. 7. Any person may become a member of this Society by the payment of fifty cents annually, or by the payment of ten dollars a life member; but none shall be eligible to a seat in the Board of Directors unless he is a member of the Baptist church.

ART. 8. The Board of Managers may appoint one or more Agents or Colporteurs, and fix their compensation, but shall not involve the Society in debt.

ART. 9. Some person shall be selected by the Society or its board of Directors to deliver an annual address or sermon before the Society.

ART. 10. Auxiliary Societies may be formed in each church connected with the Beulah Association, and recognized on reporting their list of officers to the Secretary, and also be entitled to representation in the annual meetings of the Society.

ART. 11. The Board of Directors may establish one or more Depositories of Bibles and other books, and appoint the Agents for their sale.

ART. 12. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting, by a vote of two thirds of the members of the Society.

N. B. All orders for Bibles, Books or Tracts, and remittances to be made to A. G. Stevens, Treasurer and Depository Agent, Milton, N. C.

FORM OF THE CONSTITUTION OF AN AUXILIARY
TO THE BEULAH BIBLE AND PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

ATTICLE 1. This Society shall be called the Bible and Publication Society of   church, and shall be auxiliary to the Beulah Bible and Publication Society.

2. The objects of this Society shall be to aid in the supply of Books for the Sabbath School connected with our church, and to aid the parent Society in the circulation of religious books and tracts.

3. The officers of this Society shall be—a President, two Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and Librarian, the two latter of whom may be united in one officer. All of whom shall be annually appointed by the Society.

4. The officers with a Board of Managers, consisting of not less than three members, shall manage the affairs of the Society in the intervals of its meetings.

5. Any one may become a member of this Society by contributing the sum of twenty-five cents or more annually, and a life member by contributing the sum of five dollars at one time.

6. The Society shall hold annual meetings. Also Quarterly Meetings, with extra meetings, which may be called by the President, or one of the Vice Presidents.

7. At the annual meetings, some one appointed for that purpose, shall deliver an annual address or sermon before the Society, and the Board of Managers and officers make their annual reports.

8. The Society shall appoint not less than three delegates to attend the annual meetings of the parent Society, who shall carry up whatever funds may be contributed in aid of that Society.

9. In the absence of the President, either of the Vice Presidents may preside at the meetings of the Society, or Board of Managers; and if neither be present, some member shall be called to the Chair.

10. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two thirds of the members present at any meeting.

N. B. All of the members of the church or congregation, both male and female, can unite in the formation of the Society, and the Pastors or Deacons are requested to urge this subject on their attention and take the lead in carrying it out. By this, much good may be done.

FORM OF A BEQUEST TO THE NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

"I do hereby give and bequeath to the Trustees of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, and their successors in office, for the objects of that Convention, the sum of $, to be paid by my executor within two years after my decease," or "after the death of my widow."

If the donor desires it specially to be given to the cause of Foreign Missions, Home Missions, or Education, Publication or Sunday School Society, or North Carolina Baptist Bible Society, he or she can state it in the bequest.

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FORM OF A BEQUEST TO WAKE FOREST COLLEGE.

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FORM OF A BEQUEST TO OXFORD FEMALE COLLEGE.

"I do hereby give and bequeath to the Trustees of Oxford Female College, incorporated by an act of the General Assembly of North Carolina, and their successors in office, the sum of $, for the use and benefit of said Institution, to be paid by my executor within two years after my decease," or "after the death of my widow."

A bequest to the Association can be given in the same form as to the Convention.

MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT

MOUNT AIRY, SURRY COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA.

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PROCEEDINGS.

MT. AIRY, N. C.,
Friday, August 9, 1853.

The Members of the Beulah Association, met with the Baptist Church at this place, according to its last adjournment. Rev. J. H. Lacey, who was appointed to the performance of this duty, at the meeting of the last Association, having, during the year, been sent as Missionary to Africa, the introductory sermon was preached by Rev. T. W. Tobey, of Yanceyville, from 2d Cor. 5 : 20.

After a short recess the Association met, when after singing, and prayer by Rev, E. B. Adams, upon motion, Brother R. W. Lawson, was appointed Moderator, *pro tem.* and in the absence of the regular Clerk, Rev. T. W. Tobey, and Brother Azariah Graves, Clerks *pro tem.*

The list of the Churches was then called by the Clerk, and the following delegates found to be present:

Beulah Church.—Rev. Elias Dodson.
Clement.—John L. Pleasants.
Cane Creek.—Wyatt Cate, Thomas J. Cate.
Elm Grove.—Isaac Oaks, Jesse Case, James Locke.
Friendship.—Henry Ferguson, David White, Calvin J. Carrell.
Greensborough.—Letter. No Delegate.
Goodwill.—Letter. No Delegate.
Hogans Creek.—Elder Elias Dodson.
Judson.—Julius Terrell.
Kerrs Chapel.—S. E. Williams.
Leaksville.—Calvin Jones, A. H. Barnes, J. Covington.
Mt Olive.—Alexander Boyles, Wm. B. Boyles.
Milton.—J. Yarborough,
Madison.—J. M. Lindsey, Thomas C. Lewis, Pleasant Webster.
Mt. Hermon.—Letter. No Delegate.
Mill Creek.—Robert C. Bailey, Thomas T. Walker.
Mars Hill.—James Ward.
Mt. Airy.—E. W. West, Charles Whitlock.
Trinity.—R. W. Lawson, William Slade, Azariah Graves.
Yanceyville.—Thomas C. Dodson.

Ordained Ministers, ex-officio members of Association.—Rev. J. J. James, A. McDowell John Robertson, Elias Dodson, Julius Ferrell, J. H. Caudle, Aaron Jones, D. A. Poindexter, T. W. Tobey, Charles Duncan, W. N. Hereford, Stinceon Ivey, G. W. Purify, Robert Goley, John C. Wilson.

It appearing that a majority of the Churches was represented, the Association proceeded to elect a Moderator, whereupon, Brother R. W .Lawson, having been nominated by J. J. James, was *unanimously* elected to that office.

An invitation to Correspondents from sister Associations was then given, when the following Delegates presented themselves and took seats with us:

From Flat River—Cornelius G. Buroughs, Rev. A. Jones.

From Yadkin Association—Rev. W. G. Brown, Daniel Algood, Sanford I. Miller, James N. Hurd, John Hurd, B. F. Eaton, J. I. Blackwood,

The Taylorsville Association petitioned for an opening of Correspondence with that body. This petition was upon motion, referred to a Committee, consisting of Rev. J. J. James, E. Dodson, and J. Robertson.

An invitation was extended to Ministers present, to take seats with us, which was accepted by Rev. R. H. Griffith, Missionary of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, and Rev. T. B. Adams, of the Taylorsville Association.

On motion the following Committees were then appointed:

On Finance.—Rev. J. Robertson, and brethren S. E. Williams, and J. M. Lindsey.

To arrange Religious Exercises.—Rev. Elias Dodson, and brethren E. W. West, and Charles Whitlock.

To arrange the business of the Association.—Rev. J. J. James, J. Robertson, and brethren A. Graves, together with the Moderator and Clerk.

On Sabbath Schools.—Rev. S. Ivy, and brethren Wyatt Cate, and J. Lindsey.

On Education.—Brethren E. W. West, W. Slade, and J. Terrell.

On North Carolina State Convention.—Rev. E. Dodson, J. Caudle, and brother S. E. Williams.

On Home Missions.—Rev. J. Robertson, and brethren Alexander Boyles, and Thomas C. Lewis.

On Publications and Periodicals.—Rev. R. W. Griffith, and brethren Thomas J. Cate, and James Locke.

On Temperance.—Rev. A. Jones, and brethren J. L. Pleasant, and T. C. Dodson.

On motion of A. Graves a Committee was appointed to write a sketch of the life of our former Moderator, and beloved brother, Stephen Pleasant, to be printed with the Minutes. This Committee consists of Rev. J. J. James, and E. Dodson, and brother Wm. Slade.

On motion, the Association adjourned, until 9 o'clock to-morrow. Prayer by the Rev. A. Jones.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 1853.

The Association met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. D. A. Poindexter.

The roll was called by the Clerk, and the Minutes of yesterday read.

The report of the Committee of Arrangements was then read and accepted.

The Assistant Clerk then proceeded to read the letters from the different Churches.

Mention of their sad bereavement having been made in the letters of the churches of which their beloved brother Pleasants was the Pastor. On motion of brother West, the Association, engaged in prayer, that the afflictive dispensation might be overruled to the good of its members. Rev. E. Dodson, led in prayer.

The letter from Elm Grove, referring to its loss in the death of brother Case, upon motion of brother Dodson, brother Robertson led in prayer, having reference to that bereavement.

On motion, the request of the Elm Grove Church, in regard to the sketch of the last days of brother Case, was referred to the Committee appointed to prepare the sketch of the life of Elder Pleasant.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of the Taylorsville Association reported in favor of opening a correspondence with that Association. The report was accepted, and the right hand of fellowship extended to the delegate, by the Moderator.

On motion of Elder James, the request of Mt. Airy Church, that brother E. W. West be ordained, was referred to the regular Presbytery.

Brother Lindsey, in behalf of the Committee appointed to visit the Church at Greensborough, reported that in company with brother M. Stamps, he had visited the Church and found that its members were willing to endeavor to live in harmony, and to forget all former difficulties.

The following resolution was offered by Rev. J. J. James and adopted.

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to draw up the views of this body, in reference to the proper course to be pursued by the members, of the Churches in licensing ministers, and also in reference to the proper method of constituting Churches.

This Committee, upon motion of C. M. Lindsey, consists of the Moderator, Rev. J. J. James and T. W. Tobey. The following resolution was also passed.

Resolved, That this Association, heartily approves the course pursued by Rev. E. Dodson, while acting as Missionary in the town of Greensborough.

Corresponding delegates were then appointed, as follows:

To Flat River Association—Rev. J. J. James, G. W. Purify, E. Dodson, A. Jones, T. W. Tobey, and brethren E. Pleasants, Obadiah Faulkner, William M. Faulkner.

To Dan River Association, commencing on Friday after the 4th Sabbath in July next—Rev. J. Robertson, J. J. James, E. Dodson, A. Jones, brethren W. M. Faulkner and N. J. Palmer.

To Roanoke Association—commencing on Friday before the fourth Sabbath in August 1854—Rev. A. McDowell, G. W. Purify, S. Ivey, brethren J. M. Allen, N. J Palmer, Wyatt Cates Isaac Oakes.

To Liberty Association—Rev. J. Robertson, T. Terrell, J. N. Caudle, brethren W. S. Witherington, H. N. Barbee and Calvin Jones.

To Sandy Creek Association—Rev. G. W. Purify, D. A. Poindexter, brethren T. D. Oldham, Alvis Durham, Wyatt Cate and Thos. J. Cate.

To Raleigh Association—Rev. G. W. Purify, S. Ivey, A. Jones, and brother S. E. Williams.

To Taylorsville Association—Rev. E. Dodson, J. Terrell, brethren W. Johnson, F. Johnson and K. Johnson.

To Yadkin Association—Rev. J. Robertson, S. Ivey, E. Dodson, J. Terrell, brethren C. Whitlock, N. J. Palmer and F. Johnson.

Delegates to the N. C. Baptist State Convention—Elders J. J. James, E. Dodson, A. McDowell, T. W. Tobey, Robt. B. Jones, S. Ivey, J. Robertson, A. Jones, W. N. Hereford, brethren A. Graves, N. J. Palmer, J. Kerr, J. M. Allen, P. S. Henson, W. M. Faulkner, C. Graves, T. D. Oldham, T. J. Valentine, Dr. S. A. Powell, W. J. Palmer, Wyatt Cate and W. J. Witherington.

The Association, then took a recess of one hour.

EVENING SESSION, August 20.

Brethren A. Graves, C. M. Lindsey and J. L. Pleasant, were appointed a Committee to name the time and place of the next Association. They reported in favor of holding the next session, at Yanceyville, commencing on Friday before the third Lord's day in August, 1854. Upon motion, it was agreed to hold the next session in that place. Elder A. Jones, was appointed to preach the introductory sermon.

On motion of Rev. J. Robertson, the Executive Committee, was appointed, consisting of Rev. T. W. Tobey, and brethren R. W. Lawson, A. Graves, C. Graves, S. S. Lea, Wm. Lea and T. C. Dodson.

On motion of Elder Dodson, the Clerk was directed to have eight hundred copies of the Minute's printed.

On motion of Elder Robertson, the following resolution was passed.

Resolved, That we request the Churches, to observe the Friday before the first Lord's day in November next, as a day of fasting and prayer, for a revival of religion, and to beseech the Great Head of the Church, to call and qualify laborers for his vineyard.

On motion of brother Lindsey, Rev. T. W. Tobey, was appointed to preach the Missionary sermon at the next meeting of the Association.

The report of bro. C. Graves, on Foreign Missions was then read, and after a few remarks by Rev. T. W. Tobey, was unanimously adopted.

Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions.

AUGUST 1853.

No argument is needed to prove to the Members of this Association, that it is the duty of a Christian people, living in a Christian country, to send the Gospel of God to Heathen Nations.

For, whilst the Bible is extant, and its pages are accessible to every one—and whilst christians continue to recur to that memorable interview, between the Saviour and his Apostles, recorded in the 16th chapter of Mark, in which He announced to them the words of their "Commission," there is no ground for mistake in regard to this duty.

The mighty progress of intellectual improvement throughout the world, is continually demonstrating the incalculable importance, of the Foreign Mission Cause. God is overruling the powers of darkness, to the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom, in every nation to which the Gospel is sent; and the strong-holds of idolatry are giving way to the Light of Christianity.

The reports from our Missionaries, who have dedicated themselves and their families, to God in this great work, beckon us on, to more of activity and zeal in this behalf. And how can we withhold our aid from this glorious christian enterprise, without self-condemnation, and reproach?

With the view to call attention more generally to this subject, your Committee suggests that the Ministers of the Association be requested to preach at least one sermon during the next Associational year, in all the churches of their charge, upon the subject of Foreign Missions, upon notice given at the preceeding monthly meeting, and at the conclusion of the sermon, take up a public collection in behalf thereof. And that the amounts so received be specially reported by the Churches, to the next Session of the Association.

Respectfully submitted, C. GRAVES.

The Association, then adjourned to 9 o'clock Monday.

SUNDAY MORNING, August 21.

At 10 o'clock the services commenced at the Stand, with a sermon by Elder R. H. Griffith, from John 9: 30. He was followed by Elder T. W. Tobey, of Yanceyville, who preached a Missionary sermon from Nehem, 6: 3. "Why should the work cease?"

A collection was taken up, amounting to fifty dollars.

In the afternoon Elder Jones, of Milton, preached from John 7: 17.

At night, Elder W. G. Brown, preached from Proverbs, 8: 3.

MONDAY, August 22, 1853.

At a meeting of the Presbytery of the Beulah Association to ascertain the views of brother E. W. West, Rev. J. J. James was called to the Chair, and Rev. T. W. Tobey appointed the Secretary.

After the relation of religious exeperience and call to the Ministry, and views of doctrine of brother West, the Presbytery unanimously resolved to proceed at once to the ordination in the following manner.

1. Singing and Prayer by Brother J. Robertson.
2. Reading Scriptures by Brother S. Ivey.
3. Ordaining Prayer by Brother E. Dodson.
4. Charge by Brother T. W. Tobey.
5. Right hand of fellowship by Brother J. J. James.
6. Benediction by Candidate.

MONDAY August, 22 1853.

The Association met and was called to order by its Moderator. Prayer by Rev. R. H. Griffith. The roll was then called.

Rev. J. J. James, in behalf of the Committee, appointed to prepare an obituary notice of Elder S. Pleasant, reported as follows:

Committee on Special Charges.

Your Committee to whom was refered the preperation of a suitable Obituary, of our memorable and beloved brother, Elder Stephen Pleasant, submit the following. With his early history, your committee regret to say, that they are not sufficiently acquainted, to furnish what would prove interesting to many of his brethren and friends. They are fully justified in saying however, that the high position to which he attained as a most useful and influential Minister of the Gospel, was not oweing to any peculiar advantages that he enjoyed in early life. On the contrary his means and opportunities of mental improvement were very limited. His progress in knowledge, and in grace, was with the divine blessing the result of pious zeal, and continued perseverance—a perseverance which did not forsake him, even in old age. His mind was naturally strong and retentive, and capable of investigating, abstruce, and difficult subjects. His thoughts were generally clear and perspicuous. As a reasoner he was calm, self-possessed, cogent, and convincing, as a preacher he was rich in doctrine, experimental, and practical, truth; as a counselor, prudent, temperate and discreet; and as a leader among God's people, he might be said to blend the wisdom of the serpent, with the harmlessness of the dove. Of his piety and devotedness to the cause of Christ, we need not speak as his labours for about forty years bear sufficient testimony. Like Barnabas, he was a " good man and full of the holy Ghost and faith." He loved his brethren, and his brethren loved him; he possessed much of the spirit of his Redeemer; humble and peaceable in his deportment, gentle and kind towards all men. In the pulpit he was earnest and faithful in preaching the word, and his private intercourse was a beautiful commentary on what he taught.

Previous to the organization of this body—our departed brother was connected with the Country Line Association, from which he was excluded for his attachment to the Missionary and Temperance cause. Adhering to his principles, he was forced to pass through a fiery scene of trial, in which he meekly suffered persecution for righteousness, sake. But his God did not forsake him; he was supported and strengthened, for the work of the Ministry. He was enabled to gather three small Churches, who sympathized with him in his doctrines, and these with the aid of some of his ministering brethren, he united and organized, with the name of the Beulah Association, and this was the origin of this body; for which he labored and over which he presided as Moderator until his death. God blessed his labors, and permitted him to see this little body composed, as we have said of three churches grow and increase until it numbers more than 20 churches, with a membership of about 1,500.

But our brother has gone to his eternal reward. Like David, " having served his generation according to the will of God, he has fallen asleep, and been gathered unto his fathers." His useful life, was closed by a happy and peaceful death. The summon to him was a welcome message—a call to meet his Saviour in the skies, and receive an unfading crown of glory.

In closing this brief sketch, of our deceased brother, we cannot refrain from expressing our profound submission, to the great Disposer of all events, in taking from us one to whom we were endeared, by so many ties of christian affection; and at the same time, of indulging in those recollections of the past, which are so grateful to our feelings. We shall not soon forget our beloved brother Pleasant, although we shall see his form no more in our midst, nor hear his voice which has so often cheered us, in the labor and councils of this Association. "Blessed are the dead, that die in the Lord, yea, saith the Spirit, they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

Your Committee also recommend the adoption, of the following resolution.

Whereas, it has pleased divine Providence, since the last meeting of this Association, to remove by death, its Moderator, Elder Stephen Pleasant; thus afflicting not only his family and Churches, but also the members of this body, therefore,

Resolved, That this Association, mingle her sympathies, with the Churches and family of our deceased brother, in this afflictive dispensation of Divine Providence.

This report and resolution were unanimously adopted.

Death of Jonas Case.

Your Committee deeply lament the sudden death of brother Jonas Case, by the falling of a tree, while on his way home from the Presidential Election, at Bruces ⋈ Roads Guilford county, N .C. in Nov. 1853. He professed religion in Sept. 1850, was very pious, had great weight of character, and was obtaining a classical education, for the purpose of embarking in the Christian Ministry. He was nearly 30 when he professed religion. His sudden and unexpected death is a source of great sorrow to his relations, acquaintances, and to the Church of God. But we believe that their loss is his eternal gain.

ELIAS DODSON, *Chairman.*

Elder R. H. Griffith, presented the following report on Periodicals aud Publications.

On motion, the report was adopted.

Report of the Committee on Publications.

The Committee on Periodicals and Publication, beg leave to submit the following report:

This may be styled a reading age. In almost every family in our land, whether occupying the mansion of wealth or the cottage of the poor may be found some periodical, whose stated visits at regular intervals are hailed with delight. These periodicals are the vehicles of sentiments designed to be inculcated in the minds of the community. These are not always of a healthy influence, yet do much towards forming the opinions, and moulding the character of the rising generation. Often is it the case that the emanations from the public press tend to form or strengthen a vitiated taste, by sowing seeds of error in the mind at an age when we may not detect them, nor are they discovered till in mature years they have germinated and brought forth fruit—as seen when the individual has gone forth to take a stand in society and contribute to the formation of public opinion. But the influence is not confined to early youth, it is exerted and *tells* upon every age and station. Though it may not be that the influence of the secular press is positively evil it must necessarily be deficient, for while it may inculcate correct views of one's duty as a member of the social or political fabric it fails to teach his duty to God. And yet information is imparted through the press, to be secured in no other way. Whether then it be to overcome the influence of error, or to supply a deficiency no family should be without a religious newspaper and religious publications.

Therefore Resolved, That we recommend to every family within the bounds of this Association, the Biblical Recorder, the Home and Foreign Journal, and the publications of the Southern Baptist Publication Society—as well calculated to effect the ends proposed in the above report. Respectfully submitted.

R. H. GRIFFITH, *Chairman.*

Elder A. Jones, presented the following report on Temperance.

Report on Temperance.

The Committee to which was referred the subject of Temperance, beg leave to submit the following report.

Temperance we regard as a cardinal Christian virtue. An inspired apostle classes it with the fruits of the Spirit. It is therefore, the duty of every Christian to promote by all means in his power, the cause of temperance, or entire abstinence from things hurtful, and the moderate use of things beneficial. The use of intoxicating drinks in any quantity has been ascertained to be injurious to persons in health, and improper under any circumstances except for medical and mechanical purposes. Your committee are therefore of the opinion, that all who bear the Christian name, should entirely abstain from their use and by all proper means, should induce others to do so. And in order to occomplish this purpose the most effectively, we believe it also to be the duty of all Christians, to have no connection with either the Manufacture or sale of ardent spirits, and by all suitable means to discourage the same in others.

AARON JONES, JR., *Chairman.*

On motion after remarks by Elder James, the report was adopted.

Elder West, presented the following report on Education, which was adopted. Remarks were made in reference to the subject of the report by Elders Jones and Griffith,

Report on Education.

The Committee on Education, respectfully submit their report.

The subject of Education, is one which commends itself to an enlightened community. But its moral bearing is so manifest, as to merit the fostering care of the Christian Church. Hence the advocates of pure christianity have always been the efficient promoters of education. It is manifest that it will not do for Christians to stand aloof from the great interest, and suffer it to fall under the exclusive control of those, who have no regard for the moral and religious training of the rising generation? Nor can the Protestant community regard with apathy and unconcern, the increasing efforts of Papists in our land to strengthen their cause, by gaining undue control over the Educational interests of the country.

For those and other reasons the various Protestant denominations, have established schools under their own direction, where they may be satisfied that no sectarian bias shall be given to the minds of their children, which they themselves do not approve. This being the case your committee believe that little argument is needed, to show that any denomination which does not lay hold of this work in good earnest, will fall into the back-ground and suffer serious detriment. We therefore rejoice that our denomination is not asleep in regard to this important subject, and that we have good institutions where our children can obtain as efficient instruction as elsewhere. There is one feature in schools of our denomination worthy of notice—a feature which we rejoice to believe not peculiar to schools of our own denomination,. The feature to which we allude is this, that whilst we exercise a general supervision on our institutions, and afford them our patronage, nothing of a sectarian character is there taught, and parents of other denominations who send to them may rest assured, that our peculiar sentiments make no part of the instruction there imparted.

Your Committee would again commend to the favorable attention of the brethren of the Association, the institutions specified, and recommended in the report of your last year's committee. In conclusion brethren let us remember that we live in an age of progress, especially in the means and facilities of imparting instruction to the young, and we are recreant to our solemn responsibilities as parents and christians—if we neglect to use the most untiring efforts to promote the intellectual, moral, and religious culture, of those whom God has committed to our trust.

Respectfully submitted.
E. W. WEST, *Chairman.*

Elder S. Ivey presented the following report on Sabbath Schools, which was adopted.

Report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools report, that in the present age of light and advancement, no arguments are necessary to show the importance of Sabbath Schools, and it is a matter of deep regret, that in the midst of so much light on the subject, so little is done in our churches to implant in the minds of the rising generation, that knowledge which shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. The Sabbath school is a powerful instrument for the imparting of useful knowledge, in this it stands next to the sacred desk. It is there that knowledge is obtained which will go with its possessor through life, and prove a blessing to him and his children after him. Often from the Sabbath Schools come our most efficient and self-denying members, both in the laity, and in the ministry. If every church in this Association had its sabbath school, it would be an instrument of the greatest usefulness to the church. May the time speedily come when not only a few churches in our bounds have Sabbath schools, but when all shall be earnestly engaged in the work. We would recommend to the Pastors of the churches in our bounds, to bring this subject prominently before their churches which have not sabbath schools, and use their influence to persuade them to establish schools. How any christian can pray "Thy Kingdom Come" and use no exertions on his part, to prepare the minds of his children for a proper reception of that kingdom is a mystery to us.

All of which is respectfully submitted.
S. IVEY, *Chairman.*

The following report on Licensing Ministers was then read and adopted.

Report on Licentiates.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Licentiates, and the Constitution of Churches, present the following report.

A church as an independent body, has a right to license any of its members who may have given evidence of his call to preach, to exercise his gift within the bounds of that church. Should it be desirable that such a licentiate should extend his field of labor, the church should at once request his ordination. When the question of licensing a brother is brought before the church, the main point to be ascertained should be, "have we as a church of Christ reason to believe, that God has called this brother to preach, and given to him the means of usefulness?" No motives of a personal nature should be suffered to influence the members of the church, in the reception, or rejection of a candidate. Great pains should be taken to avoid the licensing of unworthy or improper persons. A man who will not exert himself to extend the boundaries of his knowledge, ought not to be licensed. One who does not give decided evidence that he is called to preach, ought not to be licensed. One who is evidently wanting in capacity to teach, or to be taught, ought not to be licensed.

We feel that as a Denomination, we have suffered from the hasty and improper licensing of ministers. It is with the churches to remedy this evil, by exercising great care and prudence in reference to this thing. As an Association it is our opinion, that if proper caution were observed in the formation of churches there would not be so much room for complaint, in regard to the licensing of ministers. Feeble and inefficient bodies ought not to be constituted into churches.

R. W. LAWSON, *Chairman.*

Elder Dodson presented the following report on the North Carolina Baptist State Convention.

Report.

The North Carolina Baptist State Convention has three objects,—Home Missions, Foreign Missions, and Education.

Your Committee would recommend the Home Missionaries to make frequent public collections, so that they may secure as much of the money as they can on the ground, and to pray and study much, to make their ministry acceptable. The cause of Foreign Misssions should be frequently explained and recommended. The work is great and the time is short.

As to education, progress is the motto of the age. We do not despise this motto, for knowledge is power. The friends of Wake Forest College are raising an endowment of $50,000, but it ought to be $100,000, and we hope they will raise it to that sum. The person who refuses to give money for this noble purpose, mistakes the spirit of the age. By the plan of scholarships of $500 payable, or in annual instalments of $100 per five years, a man may send one student fifty years, or two students twenty-four years, free of tuition. He could educate his children and grand children. He could not make a better investment of such a sum. When young ministers go to Wake Forrest, we would recommend the ladies of the Churches from which they go, to have sewing societies to clothe them while at school. Those Ministers who cannot go to Wake Forrest, we would recommend by all means, to study English Grammar and Geography. If they will do this in the dead of winter, or even in the summer, they will lose nothing by it, for intelligent people would compensate them for the loss of time.

E. DODSON, *Chairman.*

Elder Robertson presented the following report on Home Missions which was adopted.

Report on Home Missions.

Your Committee upon Home Missions beg leave to submit the following report:

We view the Home Mission of great importance. While we would advise the Churches to contribute more largely to the Foreign Missionary operations, we would also, advise them to increase their donations for Home Missions.—It is upon this that the Foreign Missions greatly depends. It we cultivate the destitute neighborhoods in our Association, we may expect that Churches will be built up that will contribute to our foreign appropriations. It is only necessary to look at the history of Beulah Association for the last ten years, to see the wonderful effects of Home Missions, during that time there have been ten Churches added to our body, and these Churches are the fruits of Home appropriation. We would advise the Association to employ another Missionary, to labor in connection with Brother Dodson, as the field is too large for one man to cultivate, although the Convention has aided us very much by keeping a Missionary in our Association, to labour in connection with brother Dodson most of the time, that he has been laboring for us, yet there is several neighborhoods unsupplied with preaching.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN ROBERTSON, *Chairman.*

Elder Elias Dodson our Domestic Missionary presented the following report.

Missionary's Report.

Since our last Association I have travelled four thousand miles, preached one hundred and seventy-eight sermons, baptised eight persons, and received eight dollars and sixty-cents.

I have a colporter in our bounds to be paid by the contributions of the ladies in the Association. He has $800 worth of books, and is doing good. I have endeavored to do good, and grieve that I have accomplished so little.

ELIAS DODSON.

On motion of Elder James, a Committee of five was appointed to report on the propriety of appointing one additional Missionary, who reported as follows:

The committee on appointing an additional Missionary, report that they recommend the appointment of two Missionaries, provided the Churches now destitute of Pastors see proper to employ them as their Pastors and pay towards their support the usual sum for their services.

J. J. JAMES, *Chairman.*

The report was adopted and brother S. Ivey, appointed as Missionary with a salary of $300.

On motion, it was resolved to continue brother Dodson as Missionary of this Association to labor within the bounds of the body, for the next year.

On motion the Presbytery of the Association was continued the same as last year, with the addition of Elders A. Jones, T. W. Tobey, and D. A. Poindexter, and that five of the number be authorised to transact business.

On motion, the usual allowance was made to the Clerks.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the brethren and friends of Mt. Airy and vicinity, for their kindness and hospitality, extended to us during the meeting of this body.

The report of the Finance Committee was then received and the Committee discharged.

The Association then agreed to adjourn. The parting hymn was sung by the members. Rev. E. Dodson, led in prayer.

The Moderator then announced that this Association was adjourned, to meet with the Church in Yanceyville, Caswell County, N. C., on Friday before the third Sabbath.

ROBERT W. LAWSON, *Moderator.*

T. W. TOBEY, } *Clerks*
A. GRAVES. }

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHRCHES.	Received by Baptism.	Received by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total Nuumber.	Contingent Fund.	Domestic Miss. Fund.	Publication & B. S.	Foreign Missions.
Beulah,	—	—	1	—	1	20	1.00	17.76	—	33.0
Clement,	2	3	1	—	3	65	4.00	14.00	—	50
Cane Creek,	11	—	3	1	—	201	3.00	10.00	—	—
Ephesus,	—	—	—	—	1	157	3.00	10.00	3.00	—
Elm Grove,	—	—	—	—	—	41	2.50	5.25	—	2.60
Friendship,	—	—	—	2	—	55	1.05	5.00	—	—
Goodwill,	—	—	—	—	—	49	1.35	1.00	—	—
Greensborough,	—	—	—	5	—	25	1.50	—	—	—
Hogans' Creek,*	4	—	—	2	1	48	2.00	25.00	—	—
Judson,	—	—	—	—	—	9	2.50	—	—	—
Kerr's Chapel,	1	5	—	—	1	23	2.00	30.00	1.25	2.00
Leaksville,	25	5	7	1	—	86	2.00	4.00	—	2.00
Milton,	18	3	9	2	1	145	4.00	5.00	—	—
Mill Creek,	1	1	1	1	—	88	2.37	10.00	—	—
Madison,†	26	1	4	—	—	187	2.25	7.50	—	3.00
Mars Hill,	—	—	1	—	—	107	2.00	2.50	—	—
Mount Harmon,	2	—	—	—	3	87	2.70	5.50	—	—
Mount Airy,	—	—	—	—	1	18	1.00	8.00	—	3.00
Mount Olive,	2	—	—	1	1	37	2.00	—	—	—
Trinity,	1	—	—	—	1	34	3.00	27.00	—	5.00
Yanceyville.	—	3	9	—	1	97	3:00	27.15	—	—
Total.	148	25	36	15	14	1579	4822	21416	4.25	2140

Public collection on Sabbath for Foreign Missions, paid to Agent of the Committee, in all the sum of $50 05

*Madison Church paid $5 41 to W N. Howford, Convention,

Total. $71 45

†The amount contributed by Hogan's Creek for Home Missions, paid to Elder Elias Dodson,

List of Pastors, of Churches, Clerks and their P. O.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.
Beulah,	Elias Dodson,	J. B. Pleasant,	Leasburg, N. C.
Clement,		Thomas K. Gleen,	Gordenton, "
Cane Creek,	John C. Wilson,	Thos. D. Oldham,	Rock Spring.
Ephesus,	J. J. James,		
Elm Grove,	Robert Gouley,	Dr. S. A. Powell,	Bruce ⋈ Roads,
Friendship,	J. H. Caudle,	Henry Ferguson,	Germanton,
Goodwill,	J. H. Caudle,	Thomas Warren,	
Greensborough,	Robert Gouley,	James Lanier,	Greensborough.
Hogan's Creek,			
Judson,	Charles Duncan,	W. C. Moore,	Martins's Limekiln.
Kerr's Chapel,	Elias Dodson,	Thomas W. Graves,	Stoney Creek,
Leaksville,	John Robertson,	G. H. Chaplain,	Leaksville,
Milton,	Aaron Jones,		
Mill Creek,		James King,	Roxboro,
Madison,	John Robertson,	A. P. Smith,	Madison,
Mars Hill,	Aaron Jones,	James M. Ward,	Hillsborough,
Mount Hermon,	Aaron Jones,	A. C. Hunter,	Hillsborough,
Mount Airy,		Felix Johnson,	Mt. Airy,
Mount Olive,	D. A. Pointdexter,	Alex. Bogles,	Little Yadkin,
Trinity,	T. W. Tobey,	William Slade,	Locust Hill,
Yanceyville,	T. W. Tobey,	William Graves.	Yanceyville.

Licensed Ministers.

MADISON CHURCH.—Thomas C. Lewis,
ELM GROVE CHURCH.—W. J. Witherington,
MILTON CHURCH.—N. J. Palmer.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To balance of Contingent or Association fund, on hand at the last Association.		$ 4 64
To balance of Domestic Mission fund ,after paying Elders Dodson and Robertson, for their services.		85 26
		$89 90
CREDIT.		
By Cash paid for Printing Minutes for 1852.	$46 00	
Expenses on the same from Raleigh.	1 00	$47 00
		$42 90
By order allowed for services as Clerk.		15 00
August 15th 1853. Balance on hand.		$27 90
Per amount of A. G. Stevens, Agent of Publication Society towards printing Minutes.		5 00
		$32 90
August 17 1852. By cash sent per T. J. Yarbrough.	$32 90	

TREASURER'S REPORT, 1853.

A. G. STEVENS, *Treasurer and Depository Agent, Beulah Bib. and Pub. Soc.*
In account with the Society, Dr.

To amount of Books in Deposit at date,	$130 29
" Balance cash in hand at date,	20 90
" amount of collections at Associations August 1852,	23 50
" Cash sent from Kerr's Chapel,	2 00
" Cash E. Whitlock, from Elder E. Dodson,	1 00
" Cash sales of Books per M. Stamp,	10 00
" Cash Recv'd. of N. J. Palmer former Treasurer of Beulah B. S.	23 00
August, 12th 1852.	$210 69
CREDIT.	
By cash for Books,	$47 50
" Cash paid for advertising in Milton Chronicle 1852,	4 00
" Cash paid M. A. Meredith, for printing Minutes 1852.	5 00
" Amount due Depository for Books sold,	50 68
" Amount Books in Depository at date,	53 62
" Cash in hands of Treasurer.	49 89
Milton, August 15 1853.	$210 68

A. G. STEVENS, *Treasurer.*

CONSTITUTION

ON THE

BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be called the "Beulah Baptist Association."

2. This Association shall be composed of—first, all the ordained ministers who are members of, or have the pastoral charge of, the churches within this Associational district, who shall be members of the Association *ex-officio*. Secondly. Not more than three delegates from each church within the district aforesaid, who shall produce letters from the churches certifying their appointment; in which said letters shall be stated the numerical standing of said churches—showing their additions, losses and changes of membership, since the last annual Association.

3. The Association shall be held at least once a year, at such time and place as they may appoint; and shall be opened and closed with prayer.

4. The officers of the Association shall be—a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer; the two last offices, however, may be held by the same individual, should such be the pleasure of the Association.

5. The officers aforesaid shall be chosen at each annual session of the Association, by ballot or nomination, as may be the pleasure of a majority of the members. And the Clerk shall be elligible to continue in office until another is appointed; and shall at all times perform the duties of Treasurer, unless another individual be appointed to the latter office.

6. The Association shall have no right to interfere with the internal regulations of the churches, but may tender to them advice; and in case any of them should become corrupt in doctrine or practice, exclude such from their fellowship; and shall also have the power to adopt such measures as may be deemed proper to promote the interest of the Redeemer's kingdom.

7. All committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

8. A committee of arrangements shall be appointed, of which the Moderator and Clerk shall be members, *ex-officio*.

9. It shall be the duty of the committee of arrangements to prepare the business of the Association, and to consider the expediency or in-expediency of bringing any matter before the Association. The action of the committee, however, in relation to any matter, shall not be conclusive; and any matter, or proposition, which may be rejected by them, may be brought before the Association by any member thereof, who may not concur in their decision.

10. It shall be the duty of the Association to deliberate on the matter prepared by the committee, whether queries or propositions from the churches, or suggestions from the committee, and to make such responses, and offer such counsel, as may be deemed fit and proper.

11. The Association may invite Baptist ministers (who may be present) to a seat in their body, who shall be admitted to the privileges of counsel and debate only.

12. The power of appointing Presbyteries for the ordination of ministers and the constitution of churches within this district, shall be vested in this Association. And it shall be the duty of the Association, at each annual session, to appoint a standing Presbytery, to attend to all requests from the churches, relating to these matters, during the succeeding Associational year, and until Presbytery shall be appointed.

13. The Association shall annually appoint an Executive Board to manage such business of the Association as may be confided to them, and to fill any

vacancies that may occur in the intervals of the meetings consisting of seven members, including the Moderator and Clerk, who shall make a report of their proceedings to each annual meeting of the Association.

14. This Constitution may be altered or amended, at the annual meetings of the Association, by a vote of two-thirds of the whole body.

RULES OF ORDER AND DECORUM.

1. The Moderator shall take the chair every day during the session, at the hour appointed at the adjournment, and call the members to order, and on the appearance of a quorum, cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read.

2. He shall preserve decorum and order, shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Association by any member.

3. He shall rise to put a question, but may state it sitting. He shall have the right to call any member to perform the duties of the chair temporarily.

4. The Moderator shall not vote on any question, unless the Association be equally divided.

5. He shall not speak in debate while occupying the chair, but may call another to the chair, and then he shall have the privilege of speaking, in common with any other member.

6. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Association, he shall rise from his seat and address himself to the Moderator.

7. When two or more members rise at the same time, the Moderator shall name the member to speak first.

8. No member shall speak more than twice to the same question, without leave of the Association.

9. No member shall absent himself, finally, from the Association without leave.

10. Decency of speech shall be observed, and personal reflections avoided.

11. Whilst the Moderator is putting any question, or addressing the Association, no person shall speak, stand up, or walk out or across the house; nor when a member is speaking, entertain private discourse, stand up, or pass between him and the Moderator.

12. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to a day certain, to commit or to amend,—which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand arranged.

13. All committees shall consist of three members, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

14. A select committee shall be appointed on the first day of the Association, to select the ministers who are to preach on Saturday and the succeeding days of the meeting, and give notice thereof to the respective ministers, whose duty it shall be to conform to the arrangements thus made.

15. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be put by the Moderator, unless withdrawn by the mover.

16. No standing rule shall be rescinded, altered, or suspended, unless by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

17. The Constitution and Rules of Decorum and Order, shall be read on Saturday of each session of the Association.

BEULAH PUBLICATION & S. S. SOCIETY.

SATURDAY EVENING, August 20, 1853.

This Society held its fourth Anniversary, with the Beulah Association, at Mt. Airy. The Vice President, brother A. Graves took the Chair and its proceedings were opened by Prayer, by Elder E. Dodson. The annual sermon was preached by Elder J. J. James, from Psalms 67: 1, 2. After the sermon, the Constitution of the Society was read by Elder T. W. Tobey.

A Committee was appointed to wait on the Congregation and receive the names of new members, and contributions to the funds of the Society.

The collection amounted to eighteen dollars.

A Committee consisting of Elder J. J. James, E. Dodson, and E. West, was appointed to nominate officers who reported following:

Hon. Calvin Graves, President.

Nathaniel J. Palmer, and Azariah Graves, Esquires, Vice Presidents.

Capt. James M. Allen, of Milton Secretary.

Albert G. Stevens, of Milton, Treasurer and Depository Agent.

Milton Stamps, Esq., of Madison, Assistant Depository Agent.

BOARD OF MANAGERS LOCATED IN MILTON N. C.—The officers with Gen. Thomas Graves, Richard Newbill, Joseph J. Yarbrough, William Kersey, Augustin Timberlake, Theodore Vaughan, Nimrod Thompson, Henry A. Powell, John T. Russell, and Peyton Ambrose.

On motion, Elder E. Dodson, was appointed to deliver the next annual sermon.

All the Churches within the bounds of the Beulah Association were requested to form auxiliary Societies, and report to the Secretary of this Society.

On motion, the proceedings of the Society were directed to be published with the Minutes of the Beulah Association at the expense of the Society.

On motion the Society then adjourned, after prayer by Rev. Jones, of Milton.

A. GRAVES, *Vice President.*

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

BEULAH BIBLE AND PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

ARTICLE. 1. This Society shall be called the Beulah Bible and Publication Society, and shall be considered as auxiliary to the North Carolina Baptist Bible and Publication Sabbath School Society.

ART. 2. The objects of the Society shall be the encouragement of the circulation of the Bible, religious books and tracts, and to aid in the supply of Sabbath Schools with suitable books of instruction and libraries.

ART. 3. The Officers of the Society shall be—a President, two Vice Presidents, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, and Depository Agent, to be appointed annually.

ART. 4. This Society shall hold its annual meetings with the Beulah Association, but intermediate meetings with the different Churches may be held, upon the call of the President, or the two Vice Presidents.

ART. 5. At the meetings the President shall preside, or if absent one of the Vice Presidents, and if neither be present, the Society shall appoint a President *pro tempore.* The Society shall record its proceedings, and the Treasurer and Depository Agent shall keep the funds and the books, also attend to their purchase and sale.

Art. 6. In the intervals of the meetings of the Society, its officers shall be managed by a Board of twelve Directors including the officers with them, as also members of the Board, who together with the Treasuror and Depository Agent, shall make an annual report of their proceedings to the Society.

Art. 7. Any person may become a member of this Society by the payment of fifty cents annually, or by the payment of ten dollars, a life member; but none shall be elligible to a seat in the Board of Directors unless he is a member of a Baptist Church.

Art. 8. The Board of Managers may appoint one or more Agents or Colporteurs, and fix their compensation, but shall not involve the Society in debt.

Art. 9. Some person shall be selected by the Society or its board of Directors to deliver an Annual Address or sermon before the Society.

Art. 10. Auxiliary Societies may be formed in each Church connected with the Beulah Association, and recognized on reporting their list of officers to the Secretary, and also be entitled to representation in the annual meetings of the Society.

Art. 11. The Board of Directors may establish one or more Depositories of Bibles and other books, and appoint the Agents for their Sale.

Art. 12. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting, by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Society.

N. B. All orders for Bibles, Books or Tracts, and remittances to be made to A. G. Stevens, Treasurer and Depository Agent, Milton, N. C.

FORM OF THE CONSTITUTION OF AN AUXILIARY TO THE

BEULAH BIBLE AND PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

Article 1. This Society shall be called the Bible and Publication Society of church, and shall be auxiliary to the Beulah Bible and Publication Society.

2. The objects of this Society shall be to aid in the supply of Books for the Sabbath School connected with our church, and to aid the parent Society in the circulation of religious books and tracts.

3. The officers of this Society shall be—a President, two Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and Librarian, the two latter of whom may be united in one officer. All of whom shall be annually appointed by the Society.

4. The officers with a Board of Managers, consisting of not less than three members. shall manage the affairs of the Society in the intervals of its meetings.

5. Any one may become a member of this Society by contributing the sum of twenty-five cents or more annually, and a life member by contributing the sum of five dollars at one time.

6. The Society shall hold annual meetings. Also Quarterly Meetings, with extra meeting, which may be called by the President, or one of the Vice Presidents.

7. At the annual meetings, some one appointed for that purpose, shall deliver an annual address or sermon before the Society, and the Board of Managers and officers make their annual reports.

8. The Society shall appoint no less than three delegates to attend the annual meetings of the parent Society, who shall carry up whatever funds may be contributed in aid of that Society.

9. In the absence of the President, either of the Vice Presidents may preside

at the meetings of the Society, or Board of Managers; and if neither be present, some member shall be called to the Chair.

10. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two theirds of the members present at any meeting.

N. B. All of the members of the church or congregation, both male and female, can unite in the formation of the Society, and the Pastors or Deacons are requested to urge this subject on their attention and take the lead in carrying it out. By this, much good may be done.

Form of a Bequest to the North Carolina

BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

"I do hereby give and bequeath to the Trustees of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, and their successors in office, for the objects of that Convention, the sum of $, to be paid by my executor within two years after my decease," or "after the death of my widow."

If the donor desires it specially to be given to the cause of Foreign Missions, Home Missions, or Education, Publication or Sunday School Society, or North Carolina Baptist Bible Society, he or she can state it in the bequest.

N. J. PALMER, *Treasurer.*

Form of a Bequest to Wake Forest College.

"I do hereby give and bequeath to the Trustees of the Wake Forest College, incorporated by an act of the General Assembly of North Carolina, and their successors in office, the sum of $, for the use and benefit of the said institution, to be paid by my executor whithin two years after my discease," or "the death of my widow."

Form of a Bequest to Oxford Female College.

"I do hereby give and bequeath to the Trustees of Oxford Female College, incorporated by an act of the General Assembly of North Carolina, and their successors in office, the sum of $, for the use and benefit of said Institution, to be paid by my executor within two years after my decease," or "after the death of my widow."

A bequest to the Association can be given in the same form as to the Convention.

MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

HELD AT

MADISON, ROCKINGHAM, N. C.

AUGUST 17TH, 18TH, 19TH, AND 20TH, 1855.

ALSO, PROCEEDINGS OF THE

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1855.

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S. IVEY.

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PROCEEDINGS.

MADISON, N. C. Friday Aug. 17, 1855.

e Beulah Baptist Association met with the Baptist Church in Madison.

e introductory sermon was preached by Elder S. Wait of Oxford, from m. 1. 7. "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, & ve, & of a sound mind."

fter the sermon, and prayer by Elder T. W. Tobey, brother Thomas e the Moderator of the last session, took the chair. The roll of the churches then called, and the letters were handed in, from which it appears that the wing delegates have been appointed.

ULAH.—J. B. Pleasants.
EMENT.—S. Wilkerson, J. L. Pleasants.
NE CREEK.—W. Jones, A. Douglas, C. Moore.
HESUS.—W. M. Faulkner.
M GROVE.—J. Locke, A Oliver.
IENDSHIP.—J. Bennett, J. Smith.
EENSBORO.'—B. Churchill, C. B. Murphy.
OD WILL.—R. Jones.
GAN'S CREEK.—T. Settle, W. Noles.
ILLSBOROUGH.—Letter, no Delegates.
DSON.—
ERR'S CHAPEL.—W. J. Moore.
AKESVILLE.—A. H. Barnes, J. Covington.
OUNT OLIVE.—A. Boyles.
LTON.—W. J. Palmer, W. C. Gooch.
ADISON.—W. Heggie, W. Pratt, S. Moore.
OUNT HERMON.—T. S. Faucett, J. Blackwood.
ILL CREEK.—C. Wilkerson, Chalmers, Jr.
AR'S HILL.—B. Andrews.
OUNT AIRY.—F. Johnson, T. A. Robertson
AY FIELD.—Dr. G. S. DeJarnette.
RINITY.—W. Slade, A. Graves, R. W. Lawson.
ANCEYVILLE.—W. Lea.

INISTERS PRESENT EX OFFICIO, MEMBERS.—S. Ivey, E. Dodson, J. el. T. W. Tobey, C. Duncan, J. H. Caudle, C. W. Cheek, N. Hereford.

other Thomas Settle was unanimously re-elected Moderator, brother T. W, y Clerk, and brother Azariah Graves Assistant Clerk.

n motion, correspondents from neighboring Associations were invited to with us. Brother C. T. Boroughs and Elder S. Wait of the Flat River ciation, and brother S. V. Barker, and Elder T. S. Yarbro. of the Sandy k Association, and Elder J. Robertson of the Strawberry Association, presented themselves and were welcomed by the Moderator.

On motion, visiting ministers were invited to seats with us. Elder T.
ard, Agent of the Wake Forest College, and Elder T. Yarbrough, Cor.
the N. C. Bap. State Convention accepted the invitation. On motion, th
tor and Deacons of the Madison church were appointed a committee on re
exercises.

The Association then took a recess of one hour.

FRIDAY, 2 O'CLOCK, P.

The Association met. Prayer by Elder Ivey.

It having been announced that the use of the Presbyterian and the Me
houses of worship had been tendered to the Association, it was resolved
our thanks be returned to the members of these churches, for their kindn
making this offer.

The following committees were then appointed.

On Finance.—W. Slade, J. B. Pleasants, S. Wilkerson.

To arrange business. S. Moore, W. Lea, J. L. Pleasants with the Mod
and Clerk.

On Sabbath Schools.—E. Dodson, J. Coleman, A. Boyles.

On Education.—T. Pritchard, W. M. Faulkner, W. Heggie.

On Home Missions.—T. Yarbrough, C. Duncan, J. Covington.

On Publications.—S. Ivey, W. J. Moore, F. Johnson.

On Temperance.—J. H. Caudle, T. S. Faucett, J. Locke.

On Foreign Missions.—S. Wait, E. Dodson, T. Robertson.

On motion it was resolved to open a correspondence with the Strawbe
sociation.

A committee consisting of Elders, Dodson, Ivey and Caudle, was app
to visit the Judson church, and inquire into the expediency of dissolvin
church, or of removing it.

The Association then adjourned, to meet on Saturday morning at 9 o'cl
Prayer by Elder Robertson.

SATURDAY 9 O'CLOCK, A.

The Association met, Singing and prayer by Elder Griffith.

The roll of members was called and the proceedings of yesterday were
Elder Griffith a corresponding member of the Yadkin, and brother A. Saddl
of the Strawbery Association, appeared and were welcomed by the Mode
The report of the Com. of Arrangements was read. The Constitutio
Rules of Order were read. Attention was then paid to the reading of the
from the Churches.

Elders, E. Dodson, and S. Ivey, and brother R. W. Lawson, were appoi
committee to take into consideration that portion ot the letter of the Cane
Church which refers to a plan for aiding Elder Cheek in preparing for a
tended course of study.

Correspondents to different Associations then reported. The following ere then appointed to these Associations.

the Flat River, to be held on Friday before the second Sabbath in Aug.
T. S. Faucett, J. E. Montague, W. M. Faulkner, A. C. Hunter, J. B.
on.

the Dan River: to be held on Wednesday after the fourth Sabbath in July
W. J. Palmer, J. B. Jackson, J. M. Allen, O. Faulkner, M. Wade, J. P.
rson.

the Roanoke: to be held on Tuesday after the fourth Sabbath in Aug.
W. Lea, W. M. Kersey, R. W. Lawson, A. Graves.

the Liberty, to be held on Friday before the fourth Sabbath in Aug. 1855.
Caudle, R. Gooley, S. Ivey, J. Terrell.

the Sandy Creek: to be held on Saturday before the first Sabbath in Oct.
O. Moore, T. D. Oldham, A. C. Hunter, O. W. Cheek, W. Jones,
ouglas.

the Raleigh: to be held on Friday before the fourth Sabbath in Sept. 1855.
James, T. S. Faucett, J. Blackwood, B. M. Andrews.

the Taylorsville: F. Johnson, C. Whitlock, T. B. Robertson.

the Yadkin; to be held on Friday before the first Sabbath in Oct. 1855.
Caudle, A. Graves, S. Ivey, E. Dodson.

the Strawbery: to be held on the first Sabbath in Aug. 1856. S. Ivey,
dson, J. Terrell, T. Yarbrough.

e Association took a recess of one hour.

yer by Elder Dodson.

SATURDAY 2 O'CLOCK. P. M.

e Association met, Prayer by Elder J. H. Caudle. Elder E. Dodson, and
er R. W. Lawson, and A. Graves were appointed a Committee on Special
ges. The following were appointed Delegates to the N. C. Baptist State
ention;

ll the ordained ministers of the Association, and Brethren W. J.
ner, R. W. Lawson, T. Settle, W. M. Faulkner, W. J. Moore,
oore, J. M. Lindsay, Dr. S. DeJarnette, W. Lea, A. Graves.

lder S. Wait of Oxford made some interesting remarks respect-
he Oxford Female College. The following was adopted; after
rks by Elders, Dodson, Griffith, and Tobey:

esolved. That the members of this Association, learn with plea-
that the Oxford Female College is in a prosperous condition, and
mmend our brethren generally to patronize it.

he Association then adjourned, until Monday 9 o'clock, A. M.
er by Elder Griffith.

SUNDAY.

e Missionary sermon was preached in the Methodist house of worship, by
r T. W. Tobey, at 11 o'clock, A. M. A collection for Foreign Missions was
n up, amounting to Forty Dollars. At the same hour, Elder S. Wait prea-

ched in the Presbyterian house of worship. Amount of collection to be e divided between Home and Foreign Missions, Twelve Dollars. Elder Caudle preached to the colored people in the Baptist meeting house. C tion for African Mission, Seven Dollars. In the evening, Elders Griffit Pritchard, and at night, Elder T. W. Tobey addressed large and attentiv diences.

MONDAY 9 O'CLOCK, A.

The Association met. Singing, and prayer by Elder S. Ivey. The rol called and the proceedings of Saturday were read. Brother W. A. Con the Yadkin, and Elder D. G. Taylor of the Strawbery Association appeare were welcomed by the Moderator.

Brother O. Faulkner of Person was appointed a Trustee of the Associa

It was resolved that the next meeting be held with the Mill Creek C in Person, and that Elder J. Caudle preach the Introductory sermon, and J. B. Jackson the Missionary sermon.

The report of the Committee on Periodicals was then read, after remarks by Elders Dodson, and Tobey, addopted.

The committee on Periodicals and Publications, beg leave to report, tha great desire, in this age, which is almost constantly in search of somethin read, of a light and novel nature, is exceedingly pernicious; and ought t counter acted, by a greater dissemination of periodicals and publications, w carry in themselves more solidity, more truth, and which will serve as a b light to the soul in its transition from this dark world into that land of imm spirits in which all will be judged according to the deeds done in the body.

The mind is active and must have food, if it can not get truth it will deep into the almost ceaseless fountains of error which constantly flow b the eyes of man. It therefore becomes our duty as those professing to hol truth in righteousness to use all lawful means for a wider spread of those p dicals and publications which we believe will teach the truth in love.

We would therefore recommend to our brethren and friends, the H and Fo Journal, published in Richmond at 25 cts a year, the Baptist Preacher, also lished in Richmond at $1. The American Baptist Memorial, edited by J L Bur of Richmond, and published in Philadelphia by M. Semple at $1. The Ter see Baptist, published in Nashville Tennessee, by J. R. Graves at $2. worthy to be read and circulated.

And whereas we believe it to be our dutyand of the utmost importance to cause of Christ, to sustain a good baptistpaper in N. Carolina, therefore,

Resolved, that the Biblical Recorder, is ably conducted by our bro. J. J. J of Raleigh, and that the members of this Association should use greater effor extend its circulation.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. IVEY. CHAIRMAN of co

The Committee on Sunday Schools then read a report which adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—We regret that so many of our churches, take so little interest in Sabbath Schools. To this institution we must look for pious and active church members, as well as devoted and exemplary ministers of the gospel. Where Sunday Schools are not kept up, the thermometor of religious feeling is too low. We are glad to say that some of our churches have always had Sunday Schools.

The Roanoke Association was almost a wilderness. Now She has 1200 Sunday Schools, and has become almost a garden. Let us imitate her example.

E. DODSON.

The report of the Committee on Home Missions was read, and, after remarks by Elders, Robertson, and Yarbro adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.—The progress of the work of Home Missions within the bounds of this Association may be illustrated thus:—the forest has been felled by the woodman's axe, and the fields prepared for the plough and hoe of the diligent cultivator. Here and there a bog or morass remains, which requiring more arduous labor for its reclamation and improvement, must be carefully ditched and drained, and when thus prepared, and all its noxious growth removed, its rich soil promises an abundant harvest. To speak plainly, your committee are of opinion, that the true policy of this Association is, to concentrate its labor in home missions, upon such points as promise the most usefulness, and where small churches have already been planted. For instance locate a suitable man or men in such villages as contain our feeble interests and circumscribe his field of labor so as to afford him the opportunity of cultivating it well, and at the same time of preparing himself for still greater labor. It is not to be expected that a village church, with an itinerant ministry, will exert its legitimate influence upon the community or itself be prosperous. The faithful shepherd must be there continually to nourish and defend the flock.

And as to such neighborhoods as are destitute of the preached gospel, or where inhabitants, having the opportunity, do not attend preaching, they must he diligently visited from house to house, either by the neighboring Pastor, or by the Colporteur Missionary, who shall be sent out to preach to them at their houses, and pray with and if possible induce them to attend to the one thing needful.

When such persons once become interested in their soul's salvation, they will then of themselves, seek some place of public worship. With these suggestions your committee beg leave to refer the subject to the wisdom and discretion of the Association.

T. J. YARBRO, Chairman.

A collection amounting to Fourteen Dollars, was taken, and placed in the hands of Elder Yarbro, to be applied to Educational purposes.

Brethren, Lawson and Stamps were appointed a Committee to examine the accounts of our former Clerk, deceased, and to settle with the Administrator of his estate.

The report of the Committee to establish a high School was then read and adopted.

To the Beulah Association in Session, August 1855.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of establishing and locating a High School within the bounds of this Association, to be called "The Beulah Male Institute" submit the following report. That in consequence of the delay in the appearance of the Minutes of the last session of this Association, caused by the death of our late lamented clerk, the committee took no decided action in relation to the matters referred to them for several months; having no means of knowing precisely what were the duties enjoined upon them.

At as early a period however, as they could, with propriety, they invited proposals for the location of the School. Our friends in Madison and its Vicinity, submitted to us the only proposition, inviting the location and promising a liberal subscription.

Your committe therefore, believing that they were entitled to preference agreed that if funds sufficient for the erection of a suitable Building were secured, the School in contemplation should be located in the town of Madison Rockingham County.

But as it is clearly to be inferred from the Resolutions under which we act, that the Association did not contemplate the creation of a debt for the payment of which that body was to be responsible, and as a sum of money sufficient to form the basis of a contract has not yet been reported to the committee, they have not deemed it expedient to proceed.

The whole matter therefore, is now subject to the farther consideration of this Association. Respectfully submitted, R. W. LAWSON, Chairman.

August 17th, 1855.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was adopted, after remarks by Elders Griffith, Dodson, and Robertson.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.---Your committee beg leave to make the following report: We regret that we cannot do the subject justice. because there is so much evil caused by intemperance, to which we are strangers; but we do consider it almost the greatest evil in the land, and we hope that the time is fast approaching, when temperance will be practiced in every State, in every county, in every family, and in every person. We wish to see the time come, when professors of religion will quit selling brandy, and whiskey to make money. We hope they will see the evils of intemperance and forsake it, and that others may see the good work and follow their example. The evil of intemperance must stop in the Church before it will stop in the world. We do not mean that christians should not use it in any way, but that they should look upon its use as a beverage, as an evil which should be forsaken. Faith cometh by hearing and you cannot set the drunkard to hear the Gospel until he quits his bottle. He who speaks in this report, has seen and felt much of the evils of intemperance, not because he has been a drunkard, but because of others. We hope this Association will look upon its evils, and press them down until it shall cease. We

e the Pastors of Churches will preach at least once a year to each church
heir charge upon this subject. We consider the cause of Temperance a good
se and we wish to see it prevail over all the earth. All of which is respect-
y submitted, J. H. CAUDLE, Chairman.

The committee to whom was referred the case of Elder Cheek,
ommended the Association to aid him in obtaining him an edu-
ion. The report was adopted, and the following resolution
ssed.

Resolved. That we recommend brother Cheek to the Board of
N. C. Baptist State Convention as a beneficiary.

The Association then took a recess of one hour. Prayer by Elder
dson.

Monday, 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Association met, Prayer by Elder Yarbro. The report
the Committee on Foreign Missions was read and adopted.

HE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS, ask leave to report that,
the absence of official documents, it is not in their power to furnish as much
ormation, in regard to the actual condition of the Foreign Mission, as they
ld wish. From last accounts, the movement seemed to be onward.

he Mission in China has been somewhat impeded by the internal commotion
that country. What the final result will be, of the existing struggle, no hu-
n tongue can tell. Our Missionaries have been able to continue the Mission,
ough, at times considerably embarrassed. They have manifested a very
mmendable devotion to the great work in which they are engaged.

he Mission to Africa seems to be gaining ground. The most recent intelli-
ice from that country is encouraging.

t is believed, too, that the Mission to California is accomplishing all that ought
have expected. So far as is known to this Com. other Stations in charge of
Board of Foreign Missions are in a prosperous condition.

ll of which is respectfully submitted, S. Wait, Chairman.

The reports of the Missionaries were then read and adopted.

E. DODSON'S REPORT. Since our last Association I have
vel'ed 5,00 miles, preached 157 sermons, rec' $8, and lost time
the amount of $30. I have sold books to the amount of $200.
I have obtained for the Recorder, 8 subscribers.

H. & F. Journal 8.
Tennessee Baptist 7.
Parlour Visitor 4.
Southern Review 2.
Christian Review 1.
Religious Herald 1.

I have baptized only 3 persons. I now wish to retire from this

Association to labour in another field. I have always been treated with the greatest kindness by you, and shall always take a deep interest in your temporal and spiritual welfare.

I came into this Association in January 1844, since which time I have travelled 48000 miles, preached 2492 sermons, sold books to the amount of $2126, baptized about 27 persons, and received for the Recorder, 192 subscribers. For the Religious Herald 9 For the Christian Review, 28. For the Macedonian, 66. Intelligencer, 2. Baptist Messenger, 51. Baptist Guardian, 47. I have rec' for the Home & Foreign Journal 223 Subscribers. The Indian Advocate, 10. Tennessee Baptist, 7. Southern Review, 2. Parloür Visitor, 4. Baptist Preacher, 10. Southern Baptist, 3. Christian Index, 6. Alabama Baptist, 4. Mississipp Baptist, 1 E. DODSON.

S. IVEY'S REPORT. The Missionary for the western sectio of this Association reports, that he has travelled 2890 miles, prea ched 109 sermons, obtained 6 new subscribers for the Recorder sold books to the amount of $16,97½ cts. baptized 2 persons, or ganised 1 Sabbath school, received from sundry persons for Domes tic Missions, $20,90 cts. from the church at Mt. Airy, $21,00 an from the church at Leakesville, $5. STINSON IVEY.

Brother R. W. Lawson having been called to the chair, th Moderator, brother T. Settle, after some appropriate remarks pre sented the following resolutions which were unanimously adopted

Resolved. That the thanks of this Association be presented t Elder E. Dodson, for the faithful and zealous efforts to advance th cause of Christ, exerted by him during the time he has been ou Missionary.

Resolved. That since bro. Dodson considers it his duty to labo in another field, this Association can not conscientiously place an obstacle in his way.

Resolved. That we heartily and cordially commend him to ou brethren, as a brother in whom we have entire confidence.

After the passing of the resolutions at the request of the Moder tor, Elder J. H. Caudle, offered prayer.

The report of the Com. on Special Changes was then read an adopted.

SPECIAL CHANGES. Since the last meeting of the Associ tion, we have met with a severe loss in the death of our esteem brother N. J. Palmer.

Brother Palmer was one of the oldest members of the Association, and was for many years its diligent and untireing Clerk. In all causes of benevolence he ever felt the deepest interest. In the establishment of schools, he was peculiarly active. He was the founder and advocate of several of our useful benevolent organizations. He was constant in his attendance upon the meetings of our Conventions, and Associations, and in their proceedings took an active part. He rests from his labors, and his works do follow him.
E. DODSON.

The reading of this report was followed by prayer, offered by Elder S. Wait at the request of the Moderator.

The report of the Committee on Education was read and adopted, after remarks by Elder Pritchard.

Bro. Moderator.—The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Education, would submit the following as their report.

Edmund Burke once said that education was the cheapest defence of nations. If this be true of monarchial governments, how much more intensely true it is of republics,–governments, in which public opinion is the supreme law of the land, in which the perpetuity aye the very existence of sound civil institutions depend upon the elevation of the great mass of mind, and the decisions of the common people on the grand questions submitted to their consideration. And again Sir, when your Com. reflect upon the effects of education both as regards individuals and nations, when they consider that it elevates and develops not the mere physical man, but draws out. and disciplines the higher and holier parts of man's nature, his intellectual and moral capacities; they can but regard the subject of education as in the last degree important. The experience of the past assures us that education to be valuable must be healthy, and to be healthy, it must be moral, and that its tone may be thus salutary it is absolutely essential that a religious element should prevail in all our Schools. Our people have recognized this great truth, and it is a remarkable fact, that nearly three-fourths of the Schools and Colleges of these U. States, are under the direct supervision of religious denominations. The Baptists of N. C. have many Schools, among which, the most prominent are the Chowan Collegiate Institute, at Murfreesboro. Oxford Female College, and Wake Forest College. The Female College at Oxford is perhaps more elegibly located than any school in N. C. and is now prospering under the auspices of the venerable Dr. Wait, assisted by a competent corps of instructors Prof. W. M. Wingate is the chairman of the Faculty of Wake Forest College. The present number of students pursuing a course of study, there is about one hundred. sixteen of whom, are preparing for the Gospel ministry, and of these sixteen, ten are beneficiaries of the Convention. The College has now in bonds and subscribers, about fifty thousand dollars endowment. In conclusion, your Com. would respectfully recommend as examples worthy of imitation, the action of the Chowan, Union, Tar River and Raleigh Association, in the establishment of good Schools, preparatory to our higher Seminaries of learning. Respectfully submitted, T. H PRITCHARD

The Finance Committee reported. The report was received.

The following were appointed as the Executive Committee for the ensuing year. Elder T. W. Tobey, and brethren R. W. Lawson, C. Graves, A, Graves, S. S. Lea, W. Lea, Dr. T. C. Dodson.

Resolved. That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the citizens of Madison, and vicinity, for the very kind and hospitable manner in which its members have been entertained during the session of this body.

Resolved. That all the ordained ministers of the Association be appointed a Presbytery for the ordination of ministers, and for the constitution of churches, any five of whom may form a quorum.

Resolved. That this Association having with pleasure, learned that our brethren of the Sandy Creek Association have on foot an important Enterprise, viz. the establishment of a Male School at the Mt. Vernon Springs, wishes them all success in their noble endeavors.

Resolved. That 800 copies of the minutes be printed and sent by mail to the Clerks of the Churches. Ordered. That fifteen dollars be paid to the Clerks, for their services.

Elder S. Ivey was appointed Missionary for the ensuing year, with a salary of three hundred Dollars·

The funds in the treasury not being sufficient to enable the Treasurer to pay the Missionaries, a collection to make up the deficiency was taken up amounting to forty five dollars. Of this Mill Creek Church, paid $2. Milton, $3. Hogan's Creek, $3. Yanceyville, $4. Trinity, $10. Clement, $3. Cane Creek, $2. Mt. Airy, $1. Ephesus, $3. Madison, $3. and individuals, $9.

Resolved. That the thanks of this Association, be tendered to the officers for the faithful and impartial discharge of their duties during the meeting.

A committee was appointed to nominate Trustees for a Preparatory School, to be located at Madison, these Trustees to assume the responsibility of sustaining the School. The committee consisted of Elders Ivey, Dodson, and Duncan, and brethren, Stamps & Moore.

After some remarks by the Moderator, and prayer by Elder Wait, the Association adjourned to meet with the Mill Creek Church on Friday before the third Sunday in August 1856.

T. Settle, Mod.

T. W. Tobey, Clerk.

A. Graves, Assistant Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Received by Baptism.	Received by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total number.	Contingent Fund.	Home Missions.	Publication and Bible Society.	Foreign Missions.
Beulah		6			1	36	$ 1.00	$ 53.00		$ 2.00
Clement	3	4	3	2		68	2.00	2.50		1.75
Cane Creek		2		4	1	109	3.00	10.00		
Ephesus			1		3	150	3.00	14 00		
Elm Grove	3			3	1	70	1.25	2.20		2.20
Friendship		2	3	1		50	1.75	10.45		
Greensborough	4		3			28	1.50			
Hogan's Creek	1				1	50	2 00	36.50		2.00
Hillsborough					1	15	2.00	5.00		
Judson*										
Kerr's Chapel		1				25	1.00	35.15		27.00
Leakesville		4				88	1.00	5.00		
Milton			22		2	148	3.00	5·00		
Mill Creek	26		3		2	107	2.00	8.00		
Mayfield	1					16		8 00		8.00
Madison	4	2	5	1	1	165	2.00	53.50		1.12
Mars Hill	2	3	1			92	2.00			
Mount Hermon	17	1	1	2		90	2.00	7.25		
Mount Airy		1	3			21	1,50	21.00	1.00	
Mount Olive				6		27	1.50	3.00		
Trinity			1	1		38	3.00	27.00		
Yanceyville	4	3	1		3	89	3.00	20.00		
Good Will		2		2		53	1.00			
Total	65	30	49	22	15	1535	$ 40.50	$326,25	1.00	25.07

List of Pastors of Churches, Clerks, and their P. O.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.
Beulah		I. B. Pleasants	Yanceyville
Clement		T. K. Glenn	Gordenton, Person
Cane Creek	J. C. Wilson	T. D. Oldham	Rock Spring
Ephesus	J. B. Jackson	O. Faulkner	Cunningham's Store
Elm Grove	R. Goaley	S. A. Powell	Summerfield, Guil.'
Friendship	J. *H.* Caudle	H. Ferguson	Wilson's Store
Good Will	J. H. Caudle	R. Jones	White Road
Greensborough		B. Churchill	Greensboro',
Hogan's Creek		W Johnson	Reidsville
Hillsborough		H. C. Strowd	Hillsboro'
Judson			
Kerr's Chapel		T. W. Graves	Yanceyville
Leakesville		G. H. Chaplain	Leakesville
Milton	J. B. Jackson	A. G. Stevens	Milton
Mill Creek	J. E. Montague	J. W. Hunt	Roxboro'
Madison	S. Ivey	J. A. Vernon	Madison
Mars Hill	J. P. Mason	W. P. Ward	Hillsboro'
Mount Hermon	J. Howell	A. C. Hunter	Hillsboro'
Mount Airy	S. Ivey	F. Johnson	Mount Airy
Mount Olive	J. H. Caudle	A. Boyles	Little Yadkin
May Field	W. M. Ferguson	G. S. DeJarnette	May Field
Trinity	T. W. Tobey	W. Slade	Locust Hill
Yanceyville	T. W. Tobey	W. Graves	Yanceyville

Licensed Ministers.

MOUNT AIRY.—T. C. Lewis. HILLSBORO' J. S. Watson.

Ordained Ministers.

J. B. Jackson, *Milton*,	T. W. Tobey, *Yanceyville*
J. J. James, Raleigh,	E. Dodson, Yanceyville,
S. Ivey, Madison,	J. E. Montague, Blue Wing.
W. M. Ferguson, Cascade Va.	J. Howell, Grove Wake,
J. C. Wilson, New Hill Wake,	J. H. Caudle, Little Yadkin,
C. Duncan, Madison,	R. Goaley, Bruces ⋈ Roads,
J. Terrell, Francisco,	C. W. Cheek, Hillsboro'.

Treasurer's Report.

T. W. TOBEY, to Beulah Asseciation, Dr.

To amount received from former Clerk,	$ 83.58.
" " " Finance Com.	217.50.
" " " Collection for deficiency,	45.00
" " " On Sunday ½ for " Home & ½ for Foreign *Missions*——	12.00
" " " For African Missions.	7.00
	$ 365.08.
Credit.	
By amt. paid to S. Ivey for year ending *Aug.* 1855.	199.60.
" " " E. Dodson, " "	71.50.
" " " For Miss. Treas. S. B. C.	38.00.
" " " For printing Minutes of 1855.	35.00
" " " Postage on Minutes.	4 00
" " " Clerk & Assistant Clerk,	15 00.
" " " Beulah Bible & Pub. Society.	1.00.

Treasurer's Report for 1854.

As gathered from the Minutes.

N. J. Palmer, Treasurer, to Beulah Association, Dr.

To amount of Domestic Mission Fund,	$ 399.27.
" " " Contingent Fund,	41.85.
" Balance on hand reported in Minutes,	127.53.
	$568.65.
Credit.	
By amount paid E. Dodson,	180.00.
" " " S. Ivey,	225.07.
Printing, the Minutes for 1854.	$ 60.00.
" " " Clerk,	20.00.
	$485.07.
Balance, paid by Administrator to T. W. Tobey,	$ 83.58.
The amount contributed for Foreign Missions, was paid to A. M. Poindexter, as per recpt.	54.43.

Beulah Bible & Pub. Society.

MADISON, August 18th, 1855

The Anniversary of the Society was held in the Baptist Church at ½ 4 o'clock P. M. In the absence of the President, Brother Azariah Gra 2nd Vice President took the chair, and its proceedings were opened w singing and Prayer.

In the absence of the Secretary Bro. Willie J. Palmer, was appoin Secretary PRO-TEM.

The Annual Sermon was preached by Elder Richard H. Griffith of Yadkin Association, from Collossians, 1st chapter, 10th verse. "And creasing in the knowledge of God." The Society then adjourned to Mo day morning at 8 o'clock.

MONDAY MORNING, AUGUST 19th, 1855

The Society met pursuant to adjournment, Singing and prayer by El Thomas Yarbro. The secretary read the Constitution of the Society.

The following officers were then nominated and unanimously elect for the ensuing year. Brother Calvin Graves PRESIDENT. Broth Azariah Graves and Willie J. Palmer VICE PRESIDENTS. Broth James M. Allen Secretary.

Brother Albert G. Stevens of Milton, Treasurer & Depository Age Brother Milton Stamps, of Madison Assistant Depository Agent.

Board of Managers located in Milton, N. C. Brethren Robert W. Lawso George W. Thompson, Henry A. Powell, Elder Thomas W. Tobey, Step en E. Williams, William J. Moore, William H. Kersey, Richard Newbill, and Joel B. Walters.

On motion of Bro. Thomas Settle, Elder J. J. James was appointed deliver the next annual sermon before the Society.

After interesting Addresses by Elder Samuel Wait, and Bro. Thom Settle, on motion of Elder S. Ivey,

RESOLVED. That the Board of Managers be requested to correspor with and procure the services of a suitable person as Colporteur of the So

Elder S. Ivey, and Bro. Milton Stamps were appointed to wait on th Congregation present and receive the names of new members, and con tributions to the funds of the Society. The amount of 14 88 cts was rec

On motion of W. J. Palmer, it was resolved that the proceedings of th Society be published in connexion with the Minutes of this Association.

AZARIAH GRAVES, President.

WILLIE J. PALMER, Secretary pro tem.

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PROCEEDINGS.

Mill Creek, Person County, N. C.,
Friday, August 15, 1856.

The Beulah Baptist Association met with the Mill Creek Baptist church. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder John H. Caudle, from Job 19 : 25, 26, 27.

After the sermon and prayer by Elder J. B. Jackson, brother R. W. Lawson was called to the chair. The roll of the churches was then called, and the letters were handed in, from which it appears that the following delegates have been appointed :

Beulah : Lindsey L. Crawley, John T. Poole, Henderson M. Pleasants.

Clement : W. A. Bradshaw, Ruffin Woodey, Thomas R. Glenn.

Cane Creek : T. S. Cates, J. C. Sykes, A. Douglas.

Ephesus : Obadiah Faulkner, N. L. Wade, Richard E. Bass.

Elm Grove : James Locke, Pinkney Olive, Daniel Troxler.

Friendship : No delegate.

Good Will : No delegate.

Hogan's Creek : S. Ivey, Andrew Martin.

Hillsborough : No delegate.

Judson : Neither letter nor delegate.

Kerr's Chapel : Letter.

Leakesville : A. H. Barnes.

Mount Olive : No delegate.

Milton : Willie J. Palmer, Joseph J. Yarbro.

Madison : Richard Baughan.

Mount Hermon : Archibald Strayhorn, A. Crabtree.

Mill Creek : Thomas H. Nelson, William Buchanan, Solomon Walker.

Mar's Hill : William Ward, Jr.

Mount Airy : No letter.

Mayfield : No letter.

Trinity : Azariah Graves, Robert W. Lawson, Philemon Neal.

Yanceyville: Sidney S. Lea, William Lea, Wm. Graves.

Ministers present, ex-officio members: J. B. Jackson, S. Ivey, T. W. Tobey, J. H. Caudle, T. Lansdell, J. E. Montague, E. Dodson.

Bro. R. W. Lawson was unanimously elected Moderator, brother T. W. Tobey, Clerk, and brother A. Graves, Assistant Clerk.

On motion, the Pastor and deacons of the Mill Creek church were appointed a committee to arrange the religious exercises.

Elder T. C. Teasdale, of Washington City, was invited to a seat in the Association.

A recess of one hour was then taken.

Friday 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Association met. Prayer by Elder S. Ivey.

On motion, correspondents from sister Associations were invited to seats. Brethren A. W. Barksdale, A. P. P. Poole, from Dan River Association; and brethren D. A. Harris, W. H. Lawson, and J. E. Montague, from Flat River Association, presented themselves and were welcomed by the Moderator.

The following committees were then appointed:

On Finance--Obadiah Faulkner, S. S. Lea, P. Neal.

To arrange business—T. H. Nelson, W. A. Bradshaw, Wm. Lea.

On Sabbath Schools—A. H. Barnes, N. L. Wade, T. S. Cates.

On Education—S. Ivey, W. J. Palmer, R. E. Bass.

On Home Missions: T. Lansdell, J. Locke, R. Wooddey.

On Publications—J. P. Montague, T. K. Glenn, A. Douglas.

On Temperance—J. B. Jackson, A. Martin, R. Baughan.

On Foreign Missions—J. H. Caudle, J. J. Yarbro, S. Walker.

The committee appointed to visit the Judson church, reported that they were of the opinion that the church had better be dissolved.

On motion, the Association deferred the consideration of this subject until to-morrow.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Clerks of the churches be requested to state in their annual letters whether or not they have a Sabbath School; and, if so, what is the number of scholars and teachers, and the number of books in the library.

On motion, the request of the Greensboro' church for a letter of dismission to join the Liberty Association was granted.

The Association then adjourned to 9 o'clock, Saturday, A. M.

Prayer by Elder T. W. Tobey.

Saturday, August 16, 1856.

The Association met. Prayer by Elder T. Lansdell.

The roll was then called and the proceedings of yesterday were read. The report of the Committee of Arrangements was then read and adopted. Elder John Mitchell, of Wake Forest College, appeared and was welcomed by the Moderator. The Constitution and Rules of Order were read. Attention was then paid to the reading of the letters from the churches. Elder A. M. Poindexter, Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, and Elder George Pearcey, returned Missionary from China, were welcomed by the Moderator to seats in the Association. The reading of the letters was followed by remarks from Elders Tobey, Poindexter, Pearcey and Dodson, in reference to the necessity for more zealous efforts on the part of the people of God for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom.

The Association then adjourned to listen to Elder Teasdale's sermon.

Saturday, half-past 1 o'clock, P. M.

The Association met. Prayer by Elder J. H. Caudle.

Elder George Pearcy stated that he had been requested to act as a correspondent of the Strawberry Association.

Resolved, That this Association recommend that each church send a larger contribution to the contingent fund.

Instead of the usual appointment of delegates to the Flat River, the Dan River, the Roanoke, the Liberty, Sandy Creek, Raleigh, Yadkin, Taylorsville and the Strawberry Associations, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That any member of this Association who may be present at the meeting of any of our sister Associations, is authorized to act as a corresponding member, and to represent this body there.

The Flat River Association meets on Friday before the 2d Sunday in August.

The Dan River, on Wednesday after the 4th Sunday in July.

The Roanoke, on Tuesday after the 4th Sunday in August.

The Liberty, on Friday before the 4th Sunday in August.

The Sandy Creek, on Saturday before the 1st Sunday in October.

The Raleigh, on Friday before the 4th Sunday in Sept.

The Yadkin, on Friday before the 1st Sunday in Oct.

The Strawberry, on the first Sunday in August.

Resolved, That this Association employ a colporteur to dispose of denominational works within the bounds of the Association, at a salary of 150 dollars and the profits on the books he may sell.

Remarks respecting this resolution were made by Elders J. B. Jackson, Dodson, Tobey, Pearcy and brother A. Graves.

On motion, it was determined to examine bro. Barnes in relation to his religious experience and call to the ministry preparatory to his ordination.

Resolved, That the Association give way to the meeting of the Bible and Publication Society Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

The following delegates to the Convention were appointed: All the ordained ministers of the Association, and William Lea, S. S. Lea, W. J. Palmer, R. W. Lawson, William A. Bradshaw, A. Graves, O. Faulkner, W. M. Faulkner, J. M. Lindsay, P. Neal, W. J. Ward, N. L. Ward, G. Thompson, A. C. Hunter, C. Graves, J. Kerr, T. Settle, J. Pleasants, W. Slade.

The report of the Finance committee was received.

The Association listened to the relation of experience and call to the ministry by brother Barnes.

Resolved, That the next meeting of this Association be held with the Trinity Church, to commence on Friday before the 3rd Lord's-day in August, 1857.

Adjourned to Monday half-past 9 o'clock. Prayer by brother Lansdell.

Sunday, August 17th.

In the morning at 10 o'clock, Elder Teasdale of Washington City, preached from Rev. 20 : 12, an impressive and solemn sermon. Elder J. B. Jackson, of Milton, preached at 11 o'clock the Missionary sermon from Matt. 20 : 6.

A collection was taken up amounting to Forty-Two Dollars, to be equally divided between the Foreign Mission Board and the Board of the N. C. State Convention.

In the evening Elder T. W. Tobey preached from 2 Cor. 5 : 11.

A large crowd was in attendance.

Monday, August 18th.

The Association met. Prayer by Elder Dodson.

After the calling of the roll and the reading of the Minutes of Saturday, Elder E. Dodson was appointed to preach the Introductory sermon, and Elder T. Lansdell the Missionary sermon at the next meeting of the Association.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the committee appointed to visit the Judson church be continued for another year.

On motion, the Treasurer was authorized to pay whatever surplus funds he might have in hand to the State Convention to aid in the support of a minister for Greensborough.

The report of the committee on Foreign Missions was read, and after remarks by Elder A. M. Poindexter, was adopted. See report A.

At the close of the remarks, the following sums were subscribed and paid in for the cause of Foreign Misssions :

$10—A. Graves, R. W. Lawson, T. W. Tobey, S. S. Lea, J. H. Street, J. T. Wilkerson, W. J. Palmer, Thomas Lawson, W. H. Lawson, E. Dodson, J. Mitchell. $5—L. Torian, A. H. Barnes, R. T. Davy, T. Nelson, E. Wilkerson, L. Crawley, S. Ivey, W. A. Bradshaw, J. W. Hunt, O. Faulkner, J. D. Wilkerson, A. Douglas, J. Barnett. $4—Mrs. Thomas Lawson. $3—J. H. Caudle, H. D. Mason, J. Turner, W. Lea, J. C. Sykes, N. L. Wade. $2.50—J. Younger. $2—R. C. Bailey, L. Chandler, A. Martin, J. D. Wooddey, P. H. Neal, R. Wooddey. $1—S. Day, A. J. Buchanan, S. D. Wooddey, S. A. Ellison, T. Glenn, Mrs. Wilkerson, Mrs. Smith. 50cts.—R. W. Ward. 25cts.—W. W. Buchanan. From individuals, $6.03. Total amount, $225.28.

After a short recess to enable the Bible and Publication Society to hold a meeting, the Association convened.

The report of the committee on Home Missions was read, and after remarks by Elder Dodson, was adopted. See report B.

The Presbytery reported that in their judgment it is expedient for brother Barnes to spend some time in careful and diligent study previous to his ordination.

The committee on Sunday Schools reported, and the report was adopted. See report C.

The report of the committee on Publications was read, and after remarks by Elder Tobey, it was adopted. See report D.

The report of the committee on Temperance was received and adopted after a slight alteration. See report E.

The Missionary report was read. See report F.

The executive committee was appointed, to consist of T. W. Tobey, T. C. Dodson, S. S. Lea, R. W. Lawson, A. Graves, W. Lea, C. Graves.

Resolved, That all the ordained ministers of this Association constitute a Presbytery for the ordination of ministers—any five of whom may form a quorum.

Resolved, That 800 copies of the Minutes be printed and sent by mail to the Clerks of the churches. Ordered that $15 be paid to the Clerks for their services.

The committee on Education advised the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we use our influence to build up and support our own Schools and Colleges, particularly the Oxford and Wake Forest Colleges.

Resolved, That we approve of the establishment of the Beulah Male Institute, in Madison, Rockingham county, and that we will strive to make it all that a well regulated Preparatory School of high order should be.

These resolutions were adopted after remarks by Elder Mitchell and Elder Dodson.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be presented to the members of Mill Creek Church and to the friends of its vicinity, for the very kind and hospitable manner in which its members have been entertained during the session of this body.

The Association then joined in singing the hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds," and in prayer by Elder T. Lansdell.

Adjourned to meet with the Trinity Baptist Church in Caswell, on Friday before the third Sunday in August, 1857. R. W. LAWSON, Moderator.

THOMAS W. TOBEY, Clerk.

A. GRAVES, Assistant Clerk.

At the meeting of the Association in 1854, at Yanceyville, twenty shares of twenty-five dollars each, in a scholarship in Wake Forest College, were subscribed, payable in three enstallments—one in 1855, one in 1856, and the balance in August, 1857. When the last payment shall have been made, the Association will be entitled to the free tuition of a student in the College.

NAMES OF SUBSCRIBERS.

Mrs. Mary C. Graves,	one share,	paid	$20 00
Elias Dodson,	“ “	paid	20 00
N. J. Palmer,	“ “		
T. W. Tobey,	“ “	paid	25 00
Thomas Settle,	three shares,	paid	75 00
Benjamin Churchill,	one share,	paid	20 00
Dr. G. H. DeJarnette,	“ “		
J. J. James,	“ “		
Aaron Jones,	“ “		
Thomas D. Oldham,	“ “		
Robert W. Lawson,	two shares,	paid	50 00
William Russell,	“ “	paid	50 00
J. M. Lindsey,	one share,		
W. A. Bradshaw,	half share,	paid	12 50
T. Nelson,	“ “		
James K. Lea,	“ “	paid	10 00
Thomas Lawson,	“ “		
Thomas W. Graves,	one share.		

Amount paid, $282 50. Still due, $217 50.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

THOMAS W. TOBEY *to Beulah Association, Dr.*

To balance in hand, 1855,	$ 2 65
To amount received from Finance Committee,	378 45
To collection on Sunday,	42 00
	$423 10

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By cash paid S. Ivey,	$295 50	
By do. paid A. M. Poindexter	37 00	
By do. paid E. Dodson half the collection to be appropriated to Greensborough,	21 00	
By cash paid Clerk and Ass't. Clerk,	15 00	
By amount on hand,	54 60	$423 10

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Rec'd by Baptism.	Received by Letter.	Dismissed by letter.	Excluded.	Deceased,	Total.	Contingent Fund.	Home Missons.	Foreign Missions.	Paid E. Dodson for Foreign Missions.
Beulah,			1		2	33	1 50	50 00	4 25	
Clement,			2		1	65	2 00	6 00	2 70	
Cane Creek,	1	1	1	2		211	3 00	2 00	6 00	42 50
Ephesus,		2			2	150	3 00	12 00		
Elm Grove,	5			1		73	3 00	1 22	78	
Friendship,	1	4	4	1		51	1 53	6 00		
Good Will,	1	1	1		1	38	1 60			
Hogan's Creek,	1	1				52	2 00	65 45	2 00	
Hillsborough,	3	24			1	41	2 00	2 00		52 00
Judson,								1 00		
Kerr's Chapel,						15	2 00	43 00		
Leaksville,	4	12			2	102	2 00	7 50		
Madison,		4	17	3	4	156	2 42	67 75		
Mar's Hill,			24			68	1 50			
Mayfield,										
Milton,	2		3			147	3 25	5 00		
Mount Airy,							1 50			
Mount Hermon,	6	2	1	4	2	91	2 00	5 00		
Mount Olive,	5	3		2	1	31				
Mill Creek,	4	1			1	111	2 00	10 00		
Trinity,		4			2	37	4 00	27 00		
Yanceyville,	1	2	4			90	3 00	7 00		
Total,	34	61	58	13	19	1562	43 80	317 92	15 73	94 50

List of Pastors of Churches, Clerks, and their Post-Offices.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICES.
Beulah	S. Ivey	A. M. Pleasant	Yanceyville.
Clement	C. W. Cheek	T. K. Glenn	Bushy Fork.
Cane Creek	T. S. Yarbro	T. D. Oldham	Rock Spring.
Ephesus	J. B. Jackson	Obadiah Faulkner	Cuningham's Store.
Elm Grove	Robert Goaley	S. A. Powell	Summerfield.
Friendship	A. H. Barnes	John Ferguson,	Wilson's Store.
Good Will	Robert Goaley	Robert Jones,	White Road.
Hogan's Creek	S. Ivey	Woodson Johnson	Reidsville.
Hillsborough	T. Lansdell	H. C. Strowd	Hillsborough.
Judson			
Kerr's Chapel	S. Ivey	Thomas W. Graves	Yanceyville.
Leaksville	Robert Hurt	G. H. Chaplin	Leaksville.
Madison	S. Ivey	J. A. Vernon	Madison.
Mar's Hill		W. J. Ward	Hillsborough.
Mayfield	W M Ferguson	G. S. DeJarnette	Mayfield.
Milton	J. B. Jackson	Geo. W. Thompson	Milton.
Mill Creek	J. E. Montague	J. W. Hunt	Roxborough.
Mount Airy		F. Johnson	Mount Airy.
Mt. Hermon	J. Howell	A. C. Hunter	Hillsborough.
Mount Olive	J. H. Caudle	Alexander Boyles	Little Yadkin.
Trinity	T. W. Tobey	W. Slade	Locust Hill.
Yanceyville	T. W. Tobey	W. Graves	Yanceyville.

Licensed Minisisters.

Mount Airy, T. C. Lewis. *Leaksville*, A. H. Barnes.
Hillsborough, J. A. Watson.

Ordained Ministers.

J. H. Caudle. *Little Yadkin*,
E. Dodson, *Yanceyville*,
W. M. Ferguson, *Cascade, Va.*,
J. Howell, *Grove*,
J. E. Montague, *Blue Wing*,
J. Terrell, *Francisco*,
T. S. Yarbro, *Goldston*.
C. W. Cheek, *Hillsborough*,
C. Duncan, *Madison*,
R. Goaley, *Bruce's X Roads*,
J. B. Jackson, *Milton*,
S. Ivey, *Madison*,
T. W. Tobey, *Yanceyville*,
T. Lansdell, *Hillsborough*,
Robert Hurt, *Leaksville*.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Article 1. This Association shall be called the Beulah Baptist Association.

2. This Association shall be composed of—first, all the ordained ministers who are members of, or have the pastoral charge of, the churches within this Associational district, who shall be members of the Association *ex-officio;* secondly, not more than three delegates from each church within the district aforesaid, who shall produce letters from the churches certifying their appointment; in which said letters shall be stated the numerical standing of said churches—showing their additions, losses, and changes of membership, since the last annual Association.

3. The Association shall be held at least once a year, at such time and place as they may appoint; and shall be opened and closed with prayer.

4. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer; the two last offices, however, may be held by the same individual, should such be the pleasure of the Association.

5. The officers aforesaid shall be chosen at each annual session of the Association, by ballot or nomination, as may be the pleasure of a majority of the members; and the Clerk shall be eligible to continue in office until another is appointed; and shall at all times perform the duties of Treasurer, unless another individual be appointed to the latter office.

6. The Association shall have no right to interfere with the internal regulations of the churches, but may tender them advice, and in case any of them should become corrupt in doctrine or practice, exclude such from their fellowship; and shall also have the power to adopt such measures as may be deemed proper to promote the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom.

7. All committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

8. A committee of arrangements shall be appointed, of which the Moderator and Clerk shall be members *ex-officio.*

9. It shall be the duty of the committee of arrangements to prepare the business of the Association, and to consider the expediency or inexpediency of bringing any matter

before the Association. The action of the committee, however, in relation to any matter, shall not be conclusive; and any matter or proposition which may be rejected by them, may be brought before the Association by any member thereof who may not concur in their decision.

10. It shall be the duty of the Association to deliberate on the matter prepared by the committee, whether queries or propositions from the churches, or suggestions from the committee, and to make such responses, and to offer such counsel, as may be deemed fit and proper.

11. The Association may invite Baptist ministers (who may be present) to a seat in their body, who shall be admitted to the privileges of counsel and debate only.

12. The power of appointing Presbyteries for the ordination of ministers and the constitution of churches within this district, shall be vested in this Association. And it shall be the duty of the Association at each annual session, to appoint a standing Presbytery, to attend to all requests from the churches relating to these matters, during the succeeding Associational year, and until a new Presbytery be appointed.

13. The Association shall annually appoint an Executive Board to manage such business of the Association as may be confided to them, and fill any vacancies that may occur in the intervals of the meetings consisting of seven members, including the Moderator and Clerk, who shall make a report of their proceedings to each annual meeting of the Association.

14. This Constitution may be altered or amended, at the annual meetings of the Association, by a vote of two-thirds of the whole body.

RULES OF ORDER AND DECORUM.

1. The Moderator shall take the chair every day during the session, at the hour appointed at the adjournment, and call the members to order, and on the appearance of a quorum, cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read.

2. He shall preserve decorum and order, shall decide question of order, subject to an appeal to the Association by any member.

3. He shall rise to put a question, but may state it sitting. He shall have the right to call any member to perform the duties of the chair temporarily.

4. The Moderator shall not vote on any question, unless the Association be equally divided.

5. He shall not speak in debate while occupying the chair, but may call another to the chair, and then he shall have the privilege of speaking in common with any other member.

6. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Association, he shall rise from his seat and address himself to the Moderator.

7. When two or more members rise at the same time, the Moderator shall name the member to speak first.

8. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question, without leave of the Association.

9. No member shall absent himself, finally, from the Association without leave.

10. Decency of speech shall be observed, and personal reflections avoided.

11. Whilst the Moderator is putting any question, or addressing the Association, no person shall speak, stand up, or walk out or across the house ; nor when a member is speaking, entertain private discourse, stand up, or pass between him and the Moderator.

12 When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to a day certain, to commit or to amend —which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand arranged.

13. All committees shall consist of three members, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

14. A select committee shall be appointed on the first day of the Association, to select the ministers who are to preach on Saturday, and the succeeding days of the meeting, and give notice thereof to the respective ministers, whose duty it shall be to conform to the arrangements thus made.

15. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be put by the Moderator, unless withdrawn by the mover.

16. No standing rule shall be rescinded, altered, or suspended, unless by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

17. The Constitution and Rules of Order and Decorum, shall be read on Saturday of each session of the Association.

REPORTS.

A.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee beg leave to report the following:—We consider Foreign Missions of vast importance, and we regret that so little has been done. We think if christians would pray more and read more, they would have stronger faith in Christ, and hence they would do more both at home and abroad. Those christians who never do anything for the salvation of souls, have not the Spirit of Christ. Christ came from heaven to this earth and gave his life for us, and he has made it our duty to send the Gospel to all the world. How can we love Christ and do nothing for his cause? We would advise our churches to have monthly concerts, and pray more and do more for the poor perishing heathens.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN H. CAUDLE, Chm'n.

B.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee on Home Missions report—

That in the absence of sufficient information we can only say that the cause of Home Missions is one of great importance. This will appear from the following: 1. We believe that the Baptists are the only ones who preach the whole of the Truth as it is in Jesus. If this is true, (and what Baptist will doubt it?) the ground now occupied by Pedobaptists should be considered Missionary ground. The truth should be preached in such places, and Home Missionaries should do it.

2. There are Baptist churches in our bounds destitute of the preached word. These should be visited and encouraged to continue in the faith.

3. There are sinners perishing under the withering influences of sin. Shall we not make an effort to save them?

Then, send Home Missionaries to them to beseech them to be reconciled to God through Jesus Christ.

Let us, then, persevere in the Home Mission cause. Let the churches awake and use every effort to employ as many ministers to travel in our bounds as they can support. And when these missionaries go forth, let them be followed by the humble, sincere, and faithful prayers of God's people.

Respectfully submitted.

THOMAS LANSDELL, Chm'n.

C.

REPORT ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

Your committee, to whom was referred the subject of Sunday-Schools, regret that so little interest is taken in Sunday-Schools in some of the churches in this Association. We believe that every member of the church should feel a deep interest in Sunday-Schools. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

A. H. BARNES, Chm'n.

D.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

In the opinion of your committee, the circulation of religious publications is an instrumentality for good, second to but few, if any others.

Whilst oral declamations are limited, and too often temporary in their effects, these may be permanently effective at times and places remote from the seat of their origination.

Through the medium of the press the members of our churches are enlightened, different and distant sections of the country brought into familiar intercourse; doctrines, and principles, compared and digested: error dispelled, and truth propagated.

There has been no change worthy of note in our denominational papers since the last session of this body. The Biblical Recorder is published at Raleigh; the Tennessee Baptist and Southern Baptist Review at Nashville; the Commission. Home and Foreign Journal. are published in

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MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH, CASWELL CO., N. C.,

August 14--17, 1857.

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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Hon. Calvin Graves, *Moderator.*
Thomas W. Tobey, *Clerk.*
William Lea, *Assistant Clerk.*

Trustees.

A. Barrow,
J. C. Davis,
G. S. DeJarnett,
Calvin Graves,
John M. Lindsay,
Thos. D. Oldham,
Obadiah Faulkner.

Executive Committee.

Thos. C. Dodson,
Azariah Graves,
Calvin Graves,
R. W. Lawson,
Sidney S. Lea,
William Lea,
Thomas W. Tobey.

PROCEEDINGS.

TRINITY, Caswell County, N. C.,
Friday, August 14th, 1857.

The Beulah Baptist Association met with the Trinity Baptist church. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder John H. Lacy, from Mat. 9 : 37, 38. After the sermon and prayer by Elder S. Wait, brother C. Graves was requested to take the chair.

The roll of the churches was then called and the letters were handed in, from which it appears that the following delegates have been appointed :

Beulah : Anderson M. Pleasants.

Clement : Stephen Wilkerson, John L. Pleasants.

Cane Creek : A Douglas, Thomas D. Oldham, Wm. M. Jones.

Ephesus : W. M. Faulkner, T. J. Faulkner.

Elm Grove : Isaac Oaks, Pinkney Oliver, Wyatt Winfree.

Friendship : Letter. No delegate.

Good Will : Letter. No delegate.

Hogan's Creek : Andrew Martin, Sam'l B. Ray.

Hillsboro' : John W. Graham, James S. Watson, M. Baldwin.

Judson : No letter nor delegate.

Kerr's Chapel : T. W. Graves, W. J. Moore.

Leaksville : No letter nor delegate.

Madison : Samuel Moore, J. M. Lindsay.

Mar's Hill : William Ward.

Mayfield : No letter nor delegate.

Milton : Richard Yarbro', W. J. Palmer, Wm. Kersey.

Mount Airy : No delegate nor letter.

Mount Hermon : T. S. Faucett, H. P. Guess.

Mount Olive : H. C. Gibson, John H. Boyles.

Mill Creek : J. D. Wilkerson.

Trinity : C. Graves, Wm. Slade,

Yanceyville : Wm. Lea, Stephen Sergeant.

Ministers present, ex-officio members : J. J. James, J. B. Jackson, T. W. Tobey, S. Ivey, W. M. Ferguson, C. W.

Cheek, F. M. Jordan, M. Baldwin, R. Gourley, J. H. Caudle, T. S. Yarbro, L. H. Shuck.

Brother Calvin Graves was unanimously elected Moderator, and Wm. Lea assistant Clerk.

On motion, ministering brethren and corresponding delegates were invited to seats in the Association. Elder W. M. Ferguson appeared as correspondent of the Roanoke Association, Elder R. B. Jones as assistant Agent of Wake Forest College, Elder John Mitchell, Agent of Wake Forest College, Elder John H. Lacy as delegate from Dan River Association, Elder S. Wait from the Wake Forest College church.

The Association then took a recess of one hour.

Friday 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Association met. Prayer by Elder W. M. Ferguson.

Elder T. E. Skinner, of the Raleigh Association, was invited to a seat in the Association.

The following committees were then appointed :

On Religious Exercises—The Pastor and Deacons of Trinity church.

To arrange the business of the Association—J. J. James, I. Oaks, S. Wilkerson.

On Finance—W. J. Palmer, W. Slade, A. M. Pleasants.

On Sabbath Schools—S. Ivey, W. B. Faulkner, W. Kersey.

On Education—W. M. Ferguson, J. W. Graham, S. Moore, T. E. Skinner.

On Home Missions—F. M. Jordan, R. B. Gourley, T. S. Faucett.

On Publications—M. Baldwin, C. W. Cheek, T. W. Graves.

On Temperance—J. B. Jackson, J. L. Pleasants, A. Douglas.

On Foreign Missions—J. Lacy, J. D. Wilkerson, A. Martin, J. Mitchell.

On motion, the following brethren were appointed a committee to examine the letters received from the churches, and to make a synopsis of them for publication in the Minutes : W. J. Palmer, W. Slade, and J. L. Pleasants.

On *Special Changes* was appointed a committee consisting of Elders J. J. James, M. Baldwin J. B. Jackson, W. M. Ferguson, and T. W. Tobey.

The Association then adjourned. Prayer by Elder S. Wait.

Saturday, August 15.

The Association met. After singing and prayer by Elder J. H. Lacy, the proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

Elder E. Dodson, Agent of the Foreign Mission Board, appeared and was welcomed to a seat. Bro. L. H. Shuck of Madison, was also invited to a seat.

The report of the Committee of Arrangements was then read and adopted.

The committee appointed to prepare a synopsis of the letters received from the churches reported. The report was received and ordered to be printed in the Minutes. See A in appendix.

Brother D. A. Harris appeared as a corresponding delegate from the Flat River Association.

The following brethren were appointed delegates to the different corresponding Associations:

To the Flat River Association, to meet on Tuesday after the 2nd Sunday in August, Elders J. J. James, C. W. Cheek, M. Baldwin, and brethren J. W. Graham and J. S. Watson.

To the Dan River, to meet on Tuesday after the 4th Sunday in July, N. L. Wade, A. Barksdale, D. A. Harris, W. M. Faulkner, R. Yarbro, and J. D. Wilkerson.

To the Roanoke, to meet on Friday before the 4th Sunday in August, J. B. Jackson, W. J. Palmer, and W. M. Ferguson.

To the Liberty, to meet on Friday before the 4th Sunday in August, I. Oaks, J. S. Watson, R. Gourley, H. Barber.

To the Sandy Creek, to meet on Saturday before the 1st Sunday in October, F. M. Jordan, T. D. Oldham, M. Baldwin, and S. Faucett.

To the Raleigh, to meet on Friday before the 4th Sunday in September, J. J. James, M. Baldwin, J. W. Graham, and C. Graves, J. S. Watson.

To the Yadkin, to meet on Friday before the 1st Sunday in October, James Locke, Pinkney Oliver, R. Gourley, E. Dodson, and S. Ivey.

To the Taylorsville, F. M. Jordan, E. Dodson, F. Johnson, and C. Whitlock.

To the Strawberry, on the 1st Sunday in August, J. M. Lindsay.

On motion, the Clerk was requested to write a letter to the Clerk of the Strawberry Association.

The report of the committee on Sabbath Schools was read and adopted. See B in appendix.

Remarks were made upon the subject by Elder E. Dodson.

The committee on Publications made their report, which was followed by remarks from Elders T. W. Tobey, E. Dodson, T. E. Skinner, M. Baldwin, J. J. James, J. B. Jackson, and R. Gourley, and brother J. M. Lindsay. During the discussion of the subject, the motion to take a recess was made and carried.

The Association then took a recess of one hour.

Saturday 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Association met. The chairman of the committee on Publications requested leave to withdraw the report for the purpose of amendment. Permission to do this was given.

The Executive Committe then reported. The report was adopted and ordered to be printed. See appendix, letter C.

The motion for the adoption of the report was followed by remarks from Elders J. J. James, S. Wait, R. Gourley, R. B. Jones, T. W. Tobey, and F. M. Jordan.

Elder Thos. Yarbro, of the Sandy Creek Association, appeared and was welcomed to a seat.

The report of the Colporteur was read and ordered to be printed. See appendix, letter D.

On motion,

Resolved, That Elder C. W. Cheek be appointed Colporteur for the ensuing year, under the direction of the Executive Committee, at a salary of Two Hundred Dollars per year, and such a per centage on the books sold as the committee or brother Cheek may agree upon.

The report of the committee on Finance was read and adopted. See appendix, letter E.

The report of the committee on Home Missions was received and adopted after remarks by Elders Jordan, Dodson, Gourley, and Ivey. See appendix, letter F.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be requested to appoint a Missionary who shall act also as a Colporteur in the Western parts of this Association, at a salary not to exceed Two Hundred Dollars per year and the profits on the books sold.

Adjourned with prayer by Elder R. B. Jones.

Monday, August 17.

The Association met. Elder S. Wait took the chair in the absence of the Moderator. Prayer by Elder T. W. Tobey.

The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting on Saturday were read and approved.

On motion, brother Dodson was requested to give a statement of the money received by him for Foreign Missions, to be printed in the Minutes. See Statistical Table.

On motion, the following delegates to the Baptist State Convention were appointed:

All the ordained ministers of the Association and brethren A. Graves, C. Graves, W. Lea, J. Kerr, R. W. Lawson, S. Wilkerson, J. L. Pleasants, W. J. Palmer, W. A. Bradsher, W. Russell, A. Douglas, John W. Graham, Samuel C. Moore, S. Faucett, W. M. Faulkner, H. C. Strowd, John Redding, J. W. Graves, John Moore, W. Cates, A. C. Hunter, and J. M. Lindsay.

The committee on Education reported through Elder W. M. Ferguson, the chairman. The report was adopted. See G in appendix.

The following resolution was read, and remarks were made by Elders J. Mitchell, E. Dodson, R. B. Jones, T. E. Skinner, and S. Wait, having particular reference to W. F. College, to which this school is preparatory:

Resolved, That this Association recommend the Beulah Male Institute, located in Madison, N. C., to the liberal patronage of the brethren and friends in this and the adjoining Associations.

A statement was made of the plan for the raising of Fifty Thousand Dollars for the endowment of Wake Forest College—of which Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars have already been raised.

The following subscriptions were made:

W. Russell, $1000; C. Graves, 500; S. Moore, 500; J. M. Lindsay, 500; George W. Swepson, 333.33; Azariah Graves, 333.33; James Poteat, 333.34; Wm. J. Moore. 100; Stephen Wilkerson, 100; Drury Harris, 100; A. Douglas, 100; Wm. Lea, 100; Lewis H. Shuck, 100; A. Martin, 100; F. M. Jordan, 100; Philemon Neal, 100;

Thomas Farrish, 100 ; W. M. Faulkner, 100 ; J. D. Wilkerson, 100 ; Joseph Du Pre, 50 ; A. Howard, 50 ; H. Reid, 50 ; C. W. Cheek, 50 ; Wm. Slade, 50 ; T. D. Oldham, 50 : Mrs. M. C. Graves, 50 ; Barzillia Graves, 50 ; Jesse Slade, 50.

Making a total of Five Thousand One Hundred and Fifty Dollars subscribed on condition that the whole Fifty Thousand shall be made up by a certain specified time.

At the request of the Moderator, Elder S. Wait led in prayer.

Truly we have reason for gratitude to our Heavenly Father, who has thus opened the hearts of the brethren and friends and inclined them so liberally to aid in the good cause of the endowment of Wake Forest College.

The Association then took a recess of one hour.

Monday 2 o'clock, P. M.

The resolution in reference to the Beulah Male Institute was brought up, and remarks respecting it made by Elders Tobey, Dodson, Ivey, and brother J. M. Lindsay, and was unanimously adopted.

The list of the Trustees of the Institution was then read as follows :—A. P. Smith, Samuel Moore, Joshua S. Wall, Thomas J. Robertson, Pleasant Webster, Milton Stamps, S. Ivey.

On motion, these persons were acknowledged a Board of Trustees appointed by the Association. This list was prepared by a special committee appointed at a previous meeting of the Association.

The report of the committee on Publications was read and adopted. See H in appendix.

The report of the committee on Special Changes was then read and adopted, after remarks by Elders James, Dodson and Tobey. See appendix, letter I.

The report of the committee on Foreign Missions was then read and adopted, after remarks by Elder E. Dodson and brother J. H. Lacy. See appendix, letter J.

The report on Temperance was then read and adopted. See K in appendix.

On motion,

Resolved, That the next meeting of the Association be held with the Cane Creek church, Orange county, on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in August, 1858.

Elder M. Baldwin was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Elder F. M. Jordan his alternate.

Elder T. W. Tobey to preach the Missionary Sermon, and Elder E. Dodson his alternate.

All the ordained ministers in the Association were appointed a Presbytery for the ordination of ministers, &c. The management of the scholarship was referred to the Executive Committee.

The following resolution was presented, and, after remarks by Elders Dodson, Tobey, Ivey, Ferguson, Jordan, and Gourley, was adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to address a letter to each Church within the bounds of this Association requesting a contribution to aid in sustaining a Missionary and Colporteur in the Western portion of the Association, and that if $300 be subscribed it be paid to said Missionary.

The committee appointed under this resolution are W. J. Palmer, George W. Thompson, Wm. Lea.

The Executive Committee was appointed: consisting of T. C. Dodson, C. Graves, A. Graves, R. W. Lawson, W. Lea, S. S. Lea and T. W. Tobey.

Resolved, That we recommend the Eastern and Western sections of this Association to have Ministers and Deacon's meetings at the times and places most convenient.

Resolved, That one-half of the collection of yesterday be appropriated to the benefit of the town of Greensboro'.

Resolved, That 800 copies of the minutes be printed and sent to the churches in the usual manner.

Ordered, That 15 dollars be paid to the clerks.

The committee appointed to visit the Judson church reported that they had visited the church and had given its members such advice as seemed best in the premises.

The committee appointed to meet the Mount Airy church in compliance with the request contained in their letter are S. Moore, J. M. Lindsay, Joshua S. Wall.

Adjourned to meet with the Cane Creek Church in Orange county, on the Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1858.

Singing and prayer by Elder E. Dodson.

C. GRAVES, Moderator.

THOS. W. TOBEY, Clerk,
WILLIAM LEA, Assistant Clerk.

At a meeting of the Association in 1854, at Yanceyville, twenty shares of twenty-five dollars each, in a scholarship in Wake Forest College, were subscribed, payable in three installments—one in 1855, one in 1856, and the balance in August, 1857.

NAMES OF SUBSCRIBERS.

Mrs. Mary C. Graves,	one share, paid,	$25 00
Elias Dodson,	one share, "	25 00
N. J. Palmer,	one share,	
T. W. Tobey,	one share, paid,	25 00
Thomas Settle,	three shares, paid,	75 00
Benjamin Churchill,	one share, paid,	20 00
Dr. G. H. DeJarnett,	one share, "	25 00
J. J. James,	one share, "	25 00
Aaron Jones,	one share,	
Thomas D. Oldham,	one share,	
Robert W. Lawson,	two shares, paid,	50 00
William Russell,	" " "	50 00
J. M. Lindsay,	one share, paid,	25 00
W. A. Bradshaw,	half share, "	12 50
T. Nelson,	half share,	
James K. Lea,	one share, paid,	25 00
Thomas W. Graves,	one share.	

Sunday, August 16, 1857.

At 10 o'clock, A. M., Elder John Mitchell preached in the grove, near the meeting house, from Isaiah 53: 3, "He was despised and rejected of men," an excellent and appropriate discourse.

At 11 o'clock Elder Thomas E. Skinner preached to a large congregation an interesting and profitable sermon on the subject of contributing to the advancement of the cause of Christ at home and abroad, from the twenty-sixth chapter of Matthew and eighth verse, "To what purpose is this waste."

In the evening brother Lewis H. Shuck was ordained to the work of the gospel ministry. A brief but truly instructive and timely sermon was preached by Elder S. Wait from the third verse of the General Epistle of Jude.

Ordaining prayer—Elder J. B. Jackson,
Charge—Elder T. W. Tobey,
Presentation of the Bible—Elder E. Dodson,
Right hand of fellowship—Elder M. Baldwin,
Benediction by the candidate.

Brother Shuck is a son of Elder J. L. Shuck who is now laboring in California as a Missionary to the Chinese.

At the close of the morning sermon a collection for the cause of Missions was taken up, amounting to Ninety Dollars and Fifty cents.

TREASURER'S REPORT, 1856.

Thomas W. Tobey, *to Beulah Association*, Dr.

To balance in hand as per Minutes of 1856,	$54 60
To amount received from Mt. Airy church,	1 50
	$56 10

Cr.

By cash paid for printing Minutes of 1856, and postage,	$35 45
" " Finance Committee of Bap. State Convention, in Raleigh, Nov. 1856,	20 50
Balance,	15

TREASURER'S REPORT, 1857.

Thomas W. Tobey, *to Beulah Association*, Dr.

To amount received from the Finance Committee at the meeting in August, 1857,	$209 70
To collection on Sunday,	90 50
To balance in 1856,	15
	$300 35

Cr.

By amount paid to C. W. Cheek,	$41 30
By amount paid for printing Minutes of 1857, and for postage,	41 00
By amount paid to E. Dodson,	50 25
By one-half the collection on Sunday paid to E. Dodson, and two dollars for the Bible for China,	47 25
By cash paid to W. Lawson for Indian Missions,	12 00
By cash paid to T. E. Skinner for J. S. Purify, Treasurer of Baptist State Convention,	45 25
By cash paid clerk,	15 00
Balance in hand,	$48 30

PASTORS OF CHURCHES, CLERKS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICES.
Beulah,	S. Ivey,	A. M. Pleasants,	Yanceyville,
Clement,	F. M. Jordan,	T. K. Glenn,	Bushy Fork,
Cane Creek,	T. S. Yarbro,	Thos. D. Oldham,	Rock Spring,
Ephesus,	J. B. Jackson,	O. Faulkner,	Cun'ham's Store,
Elm Grove,	R. Gourley,	S. A. Powell,	Summerfield,
Friendship,	No Pastor,	John Ferguson,	Wilson's Store,
Good Will,	R. Gourley,	Robert Jones,	White Road,
Hogan's Creek,	S. Ivey,	W. Johnson,	Reidsville,
Hillsborough,	M. Baldwin,	H. C. Stroud,	Hillsborough,
Judson,			
Kerr's Chapel,	S. Ivey,	T. W. Graves,	Yanceyville,
Leaksville,	W. M. Ferguson,	A. H. Barnes,	Leaksville,
Madison,	S. Ivey,	James A. Vernon,	Madison,
Mar's Hill,	F. M. Jordan,	Wm. J. Ward,	Hillsborough,
Mayfield,		G. S. DeJarnette,	Mayfield,
Milton,	J. B. Jackson,	G. W. Thompson,	Milton,
Mill Creek,	J. E. Montague,	J. W. Hunt,	Roxborough,
Mount Airy,		Jas. Greenwood,	Mount Airy,
Mount Hermon,	F. M. Jordan,	T. S. Faucett,	Hillsborough,
Mount Olive,	J. H. Caudle,	Alex. Boyles,	Little Yadkin,
Trinity,	T. W. Tobey,	W. Slade,	Locust Hill,
Yanceyville,	T. W. Tobey,	Wm. Graves,	Yanceyville.

LICENSED MINISTERS.

J. S. Watson, Hillsboro', A. H. Barnes, Leaksville, T. C. Lewis, Mount Airy.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

M. Baldwin, Hillsboro',
J. H. Caudle, Little Yadkin,
C. W. Cheek, Chapel Hill,
W. M. Ferguson, Cascade, Va.,
J. Howell, Grove,
S. Ivey, Madison,
J. Terrell, Francisco,
F. M. Jordan, Hillsboro',
E. Dodson, Yanceyville,
C. Duncan, Madison,
R. Gourley, Bruces' X Roads,
J. B. Jackson, Milton,
J. E. Montague, B. Wing,
T. W. Tobey, Yanceyville,
T. S. Yarbro, Mt. Vernon,
L. H. Shuck, Madison.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Received by Baptism.	Received by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	Contingent Fund.	Colporteur and Home Mission.	Foreign Mission.	Bible Society.	Paid E. Dodson for Foreign Mission.	Indian Mission.	Decrease since last Associat'n.
Beulah,			7			26	1 70				25 00		7
Clement,	1	1				66	2 00	9 00			9 50		
Cane Creek,	19		11	1	1	2 18	4 00	6 30			28 60		
Ephesus,	8	2	1	4	5	1 45	6 50	12 00			43 50		5
Elm Grove,			4	1		65	2 60				5 00		
Friendship,				1		50	1 00						
Good Will,	1	2		2		48	1 50						
Hogan's Creek,	2			1	2	50	2 00				8 50		
Hillsborough,	5	8	1			55	2 00	5 50			6 25		
Judson,													
Kerr's Chapel,					2	13	3 00	7 00		2 00	11 20		
Leaksville,							2 80				13 00		
Madison,	2		5	2	2	1 50	5 70				40 00		
Mar's Hill,		2	7			45	2 00						
Mayfield,													
Milton,	65	3	6	7		1 92	4 50	8 00	8 00		8 00		
Mount Airy,			1			17	1 35						
Mount Hermon,				1		90	2 00	2 50	9 75				
Mount Olive,	8	1		3		45	2 00						
Mill Creek,	12	1		1	1	1 22	2 00				16 00		
Trinity,	3			1	1	40	3 00	15 00	3 000		3 00	12	
Yanceyville,	5	1	2	1		92	3 00	25 50	1 225		44 00		
	131	21	45	26	14	15 24	54 65	90 80	60 00	2 00	261 55	12	12

APPENDIX.

[A.]

SYNOPSIS OF THE LETTERS.

Your committee to whom was referred the letters from the different churches, beg leave to make the following report:

Beulah church is under the pastoral care of Elder S. Ivey. Seven members dismissed by letter since the last Association. Thirty Dollars was subscribed to Elder E. Dodson for Foreign Missions; and One Dollar and Seventy Cents was contributed to contingent fund. Total number 26.

Clement church. Elder F. M. Jordan pastor. One member baptized, and one received by letter since last Association. $9 contributed for Domestic Missions, and 2 for contingent fund. Total number 66.

Ephesus church. Elder J. B. Jackson pastor. Since last Association baptized 8; received by letter 2; dismissed by letter 1; excluded 4; died 5. Total number 145. Contributed $12 to Association fund, and 6.50 to Domestic Missions.

Elm Grove church. Elder Robert Gourley pastor.—Since last Association dismissed by letter 4; excluded 1; contributed to contingent fund $2.35. Total number 65.

Friendship church. Report that they are without a pastor. Brother Barnes preached for them a short time but was compelled to stop on account of ill health. If he recovers they ask his ordination. Since last Association excluded 1. Contributed to contingent fund $1. Total number of members 50.

Good Will church. Elder Robert Gourley pastor. Since last Association baptized 1; received by letter 2; excluded 2. Total number 48. Contributed to contingent fund $1.50.

Hogan's Creek church. Elder S. Ivey pastor. Since last Association baptized 2; excluded 1; deceased 2; total number of members 50. They announce the death of brother Thomas Settle, former Moderator of this Association, and ask the brethren to prepare a suitable tribute to his memory to be published with the Minutes of this Association. Contributed to contingent fund $2.

Hillsborough church. Elder Moses Baldwin pastor. Since last Association received by baptism 5 ; by letter 8 ; dismissed by letter 1. Total number 55. Contributed to contingent fund $2 ; Home Missions $5.50. They have an interesting Sabbath School numbering 35 scholars, and increasing in number and interest.

Kerr's Chapel church. Elder S. Ivey pastor. Since last Association died 2. Total number 13. Contributed to contingent fund $3 ; Home Missions $7 ; Bible Society $2.

Madison church. Elder S. Ivey pastor. Since last Association baptized 2 ; dismissed by letter 5 ; excluded 2 ; died 2. Total number 150. Contributed contingent fund $5.70 ; to Home Missions $3 ; to brother Dodson for Foreign Missions $40. Two ordained ministers in connection with church. They have a Sabbath School of 35 scholars with a library of fifty volumes. They desire the ordination of brother Lewis H. Shuck.

Mars Hill church. Since last Association received by letter 2 ; dismissed by letter 7. Total number 40. They have enjoyed but little preaching for a year or two which accounts for their coldness, &c. Elder F. M. Jordan is now their pastor.

Milton church. Elder J. B. Jackson pastor. Since last Association 65 have been added to the church by baptism, 51 of whom have been formed into an arm of the Milton church and worship at Mill meeting house; received by letter 3 ; dismissed by letter 6 ; excluded 7 ; total number 192 ; contributions, contingent fund $4 50 ; Home Missions $8 ; Foreign Missions $8 ; Sabbath school numbers 40 scholars, and about 180 volumes in library.

Mount Airy church. Lament their cold and barren state. Bro. T. C. Lewis preached for them monthly, but cannot act as pastor, never having been ordained. Since last Association dismissed by letter 1 ; total number 17 ; contributed to contingent fund $1 35 ; Bible Society $1. They report a difficulty between the two deacons of the church, and ask the appointment of a committee, by the Association, to labor with them to settle said difficulty.

Mount Hermon church. Have recently secured the services of Elder F. M. Jordan as pastor. They are at peace one with another. Since last Association excluded 1. Total number 90. Contributed to contingent fund $2; Home Missions $2 50.

Mount Olive church. Elder J. H. Caudle pastor. Since last Association baptized 8; received by letter 1; excluded 3. Total number 45. Contributed to contingent fund $2.

Mill Creek church. Elder J. E. Montague pastor. Since last Association baptized 12; received by letter 1; excluded 1; died 1. Total number 122. Contributions to contingent fund $2.

Yanceyville church. Elder T. W. Tobey pastor. Since last Association baptized 5; received by letter 1; dismissed by letter 2; excluded 1. Total number 92. Contributions to contingent fund $3. The Sabbath school is flourishing and well attended. Contributed for Foreign Missions $12 25; Home Missions $25 50.

Trinity church. Elder T. W. Tobey pastor. Since last Association baptized 3; dismissed 1; died 1; contributed to contingent fund $3; African Mission $30; Indian Mission $12; to Colporteur $15. Total number 40.

Cane Creek church. Elder Thos. Yarbro pastor. Since last Association received by baptism 19; restored 1; excommunicated 1; dismissed by letter 11; died 1. Total number 218. They desire the next Association to be held with their church.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. J. PALMER,
W. SLADE,
A. M. PLEASANTS.

[B.]

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The committee report that, in their opinion, Sabbath Schools stand next to the ministry in imparting religious instruction and in building up the churches. We believe that a church without a Sabbath School is destitute of a very powerful instrument for accomplishing good and extending the borders of the Saviour's kingdom. Judging from the past as well as from the present, we are led to the deliberate conclusion that a church destitute of a good Sabbath School is generally colder and more inactive than one in which there is a well governed and interesting Sabbath School, because many members in such a church as the former are idlers instead of laborers in the vineyard of the Lord. We would, therefore, recommend to the members of our churches that they put forth greater effort in this good work, and that our pastors be requested to urge the churches to their duty in this thing.

Respectfully submitted.

S. IVEY, Chairman.

[C.]

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Since the last meeting of the Association we have appointed Elder C. W. Cheek to labor as Colporteur within the bounds of the Association, at a salary of twelve and a half dollars a month and the profit upon the books he may sell. We have permitted the Episcopalians in Greensboro' to occupy the Baptist house of worship for religious service at such times as it has not been required by the Baptist minister who preaches there.

[D.]

COLPORTEUR'S REPORT.

Your Colporteur reports as follows: He has been in your service four months and one week; he has travelled 1,400 miles; has preached 16 sermons; has made 100 family visits; has attended church meetings at 8 of your churches; has sold books to the amount of $160; has distributed gratuitously 1,200 pages of religious tracts, and sold Testaments and Bibles to the amount of $21.90; has obtained 25 subscribers to the "Young Reaper," and has received contributions from churches as follows:

Beulah $3.20; Mill church $6.00; Mt. Hermon $2.50, cash; $2.25 subscribed not paid. Total amount $11.70 received.

I have found 2 families without the Bible, with one of which I left a Bible.

Respectfully submitted.

C. W. CHEEK, Colporteur.

[F.]

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee submit the following report: That there is a great destitution within the bounds of this Association is obvious to us all. And it becomes us to redouble our diligence in devising plans and means to supply this destitution. We have not accomplished as much as we have had the ability to do. There are, doubtless, many not far from some of our own doors who scarcely ever hear the gospel. They are dead in trespasses and sins; we know their danger, and shall we fail to arouse them from their dangerous slumbers. It is our duty to send men out into the highways and hedges to point these poor wanderers to the Saviour. Fireside conversation would, in many places, accomplish more good than a sermon, impressing upon the mind the importance of going within the influence of the gospel. We think it important that our Missionaries spend most of their time in the most destitute sections. Your committee recommend the appointment of a Missionary.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. M. JORDAN, Chairman.

G.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Your committee on Education respectfully submit the following report:

In its common acceptation education means the cultivation and instruction of the mind. This is generally done in our Schools and Colleges by the study of those branches which have more or less bearing upon the vocation that each student chooses, or which his parents choose for him. That a thorough training in some or all of these branches is considered highly important is too generally admitted, even by the uneducated themselves, for us to prove it. In the present age it needs no proof. We already see it, feel it, and consequently know it.

We beg leave, however, to consider briefly a little more extended signification of this word. It has reference to the formation of character as well as the cultivation of mind. This begins in infancy, and ought to be guarded with a watchful eye by every parent, even before the child has learned a letter of the alphabet. Impressions which are never effaced are made by expressions of the countenance and tones of the voice. How important that all these be so managed as to give a right direction to the character in its very commencement. The most accomplished education in Schools and Colleges will never fully atone for a wrong direction given the child before it enters school.

Again: Too little attention is paid to those things which require the exercise of the body. Unfortunately it seems to be considered as some disgrace to our sons to learn the art of farming, or to engage in mechanical pursuits. Yet these are the very means by which many of the parents of those sons have risen to affluence; yea, they are the foundation and support of all other operations. Remove them and all else that engages the powers of man, both mental and physical, will come to ruin. Some attention to such pursuits is almost indispensable in the full development of the limbs and muscles of the body. How often is it that our young men leave College with highly cultivated minds—but with wasted energy and shattered constitutions, which prevent their usefulness in after life. Do we wish our children to have vigorous and healthy bodies—to be more contented and happy, and more useful in their day? Let us then consider that their education embraces, in part, those things which require bodily exercise, as well as mental discipline, things which are of practical utility, and excellent safe-guards from vice and immortality.

Our limit forbids greater length. We would close with the following resolution:

That in the education of our sons and daughters we consider it highly important to impress upon their minds the incalculable benefit of bodily exercise, and the great advantage of combining, to some extent, manual labor with mental training.

W. M. FERGUSON,
Chairman of Committee.

[H.]

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

The committee on Publications offer, as their report, the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved,* That the Baptists are especially called on to encourage an *evangelical* literature.

2. That the interest of the denomination, and of the cause of Christ, demands that we circulate, as much as possible, the works published at our denominational book establishments.

3. That we will exert ourselves for a more general circulation of the "Biblical Recorder" among the members of our churches.

M. BALDWIN, Chairman.

[I.]

REPORT ON SPECIAL CHANGES.

Your committee, to whom was referred the preparation of suitable notices of deceased brethren, members of this body, submit the following:

In the infinitely wise, but inscrutable Providence of God, two beloved brethren, Thomas Settle, a member of Hogan's Creek, and Hosea McNeal, a member of Kerr's Chapel, have within a week or two past been called from the labors and trials of earth to their rewards on high. In speaking of these dear departed ones, your committee desire to refrain from indulging in the language of eulogy, which they regard as inappropriate when applied to those "who sleep in Jesus" and have received the welcome of their Lord, "Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Brethren Settle and McNeal are far beyond the reach of either our praises or censures.

As, however, their examples are worthy of our imitation, and their memories fragrant to those of us who are still engaged in the christian warfare, it may not be inappropriate to enter a brief record of them in the proceedings of this body.

Bro. Thomas Settle expired, at his residence in Rockingham county, on the 6th of August, 1857, in the 69th year of his age. Few men have performed more public service, or have been more successful than he was. Beginning life in humble and dependent circumstances, by his own exertions he attained to honor and affluence. For nearly half a century he was occupied with the duties of public life. For years he filled an influential position in the General Assembly of North Carolina, and was repeatedly elected to Congress; but for the last quarter of a century he served his State in the capacity of Judge of her Superior Courts; which office he resigned some two years previous to his death. In the civil trusts committed to him, no man was more scrupulous and faithful in the performance of duty.

Brother Settle united with the Trinity Baptist church and was baptized by the pastor, Elder J. J. James, in the summer of 1843. As a christian he was ever prompt, active and zealous; exerting a conservative influence among his brethren. His purse was ever open to advance the cause of God and relieve the suffering, and his house the welcome abode of his brethren and friends. The death of this esteemed and beloved brother is a great loss to the State and the Church to which he belonged; but to his family the loss is irreparable. A widowed sister, her five affectionate children, and numerous relations have to lament the death of one on whom their affections were centered, and to whom they looked with great deference for counsel and advice. But our brother, who has been wont to preside over the deliberations of this body with so much urbanity and true christian dignity, is done with the scenes of earth. We shall no more look upon his benignant countenance or hear his familiar and winning voice. He has entered upon his reward above. His death was as peaceful and happy as his life was active and useful. Having served his generation according to the will of God, he has fallen asleep and been gathered to his Fathers. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord—they rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

Bro. McNeal died in the bosom of his own family in Caswell county, on the 8th day of August, 1857, in the 73d year of his age. He united with the Baptist church some 29 years ago, and was baptized by Elder Martin. When the division took place, and this Association was formed from members of the old Country Line, he preferred to unite with the Beulah.

Bro. McNeal was a good man. His piety was ever apparent in his conduct and conversation. He was an active, prudent and useful member of the church. and ever adorned his christian profession. He loved the Lord, his people, and his cause, and was ever ready to do what he could to advance true religion. After suffering much bodily affliction for several years, which he bore with great fortitude, he entered upon that rest that remains for the people of God. His death was happy and triumphant, and his example in life worthy of our imitation. He has left a widow and numerous children and relations, as well as the members of this body, to feel his loss, cherish his memory, and imitate his example.

Your committee submit also the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Association deeply sympathize with the bereaved families of our deceased brethren, praying that this afflictive dispensation may result in their highest and best good.

J. J. JAMES, Chairman.

[J.]

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

With the commission given by the Lord Jesus before us, we can look on nothing less than the whole world as the field of Christian enterprise. To your committee is referred more particularly the Foreign Mission field. At the present the Southern Baptist Convention has Missionaries only in China and Africa. The revolution in China hinders somewhat the peaceful progress of the gospel; but when order shall have been restored, all China will then be open to the influence of the gospel. This is a very large field which is to be occupied.

The Africans are turning to God, and are anxious to hear the gospel. There are six male and three female Missionaries in Central Africa, who have been sent out from this country by the Foreign Mission Board. Brother and sister Bowen are in this country for a time, expecting to return as early as practicable to the same field, together with another brother recently appointed by the Board. There will then be twelve white persons employed in the Central African Mission, besides native teachers and assistants. Are not these laborers few for the work that is to be done in Central Africa? This Mission should be greatly increased. The Foreign Mission Board is in debt to the amount of Four Thousand Dollars.

A great part of our own continent is also entirely destitute of the Gospel, and we ought to send it to them. In order to this there is great need of united systematic effort, and earnest importunate prayer, with unwavering confidence in the Redeemer.

"All power in heaven and in earth has been given into the hands of the Saviour," and we confidently look for the final success of his cause. We trust that "the knowledge of the glory of the Lord will soon cover the earth as the waters cover the sea."

J. H. LACY, Chairman
of the Committee.

[K.]

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee report: The subject of Temperance is one that should engage the attention, approbation and co-operation of all good men, and especially the church of Christ. Since it is so closely connected with the happiness of man, both in time and eternity. Circumstances require it, suffering humanity demands it, and the word of God exhorts us not to be wanting in any good word or work. This is a good work. It is one of the christian graces, and well adorns its possessor; and when duly cultivated "shines more and more unto the perfect day." Would that all christians were fully awake to the claims of this subject.

Respectfully submitted.

J. L. PLEASANTS.

exclude such from their fellowship. And shall also have the power to adopt such measures as may be deemed proper to promote the interest of the Redeemer's kingdom.

7th. All Committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

8th. A Committee of arrangements shall be appointed, of which the Moderator and Clerk shall be members, *ex officio.*

9th. It shall be the duty of the Committee of arrangements to prepare the business of the Association, and to consider the expediency or inexpediency of bringing any matter proposed before the Association. The action of the Committee, however, in relation to any matter shall not be conclusive, and any matter, or proposition, which may be rejected by them, may be brought before the Association, by any member thereof, who may not concur in their decision.

10th. It shall be the duty of the Association to deliberate on the matter prepared by the Committee, whether queries or propositions from the churches, or suggestions from the Committee, and to make such responses, and offer such council, as may be deemed fit and proper.

11th. The Association may invite Baptist Ministers, (who may be present,) to a seat in their body, who shall be admitted to the privileges of counsel and debate only.

12th. The power of appointing Presbyteries for the ordination of Ministers, and the Constitution of churches within this district, shall be vested in this Association. And it shall be the duty of the Association, at each annual Session, to appoint a standing Presbytery, to attend to all requests from the Churches, relating to these matters, during the succeeding Associational year, and until another Presbytery shall be appointed.

13th. This Association may have a Board of Managers to be composed of one member from each church, together with the ordained ministers of this Association, whose duty it shall be to transact all business committed to it by the Association from one annual meeting to another, and present at each meeting of the Association, a faithful report of all its proceedings. It may also recommend in its report, any measures of interest or importance to the consideration of the Association. And after the present year, the lay members of the said Board shall be appointed by the Association, upon the nomination of their respective churches, provided the churches choose to exercise such right, but in default of such nomination by the churches, the Association shall have power to fill the Board, without such nominations. And seven members shall constitute a quorum of said Board, and the officers of the Board shall be such as it may choose to appoint, and it shall also have the power to regulate the time and place of its own meetings.

14th. This Constitution may be altered or amended, at annual meetings of the Association, by a vote of *two-thirds* of the whole body.

RULES OF ORDER AND DECORUM.

1st. The Moderator shall take the Chair every day during the Session, at the hour appointed at the adjournment, and call the members to order, and on the appearance of a quorum, cause the minutes of the preceeding day to be read.

2d. He shall preserve decorum and order, shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Association by any member.

3d. He shall rise to put a question, but may state it sitting. He shall have the right to call any member to perform the duties of the chair temporarily.

4th. The Moderator shall not vote on any question, unless the Association be equally divided.

5th. He shall not speak in debate while occupying the chair, but may call another to the chair, and then he shall have the privilege of speaking, in common with any other member.

6th. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Association, he shall rise from his seat, and address himself to the Moderator.

7th. When two or more members *rise* at the same time, the Moderator shall name the member to speak first.

8th. No member shall speak more than twice to the same question, without leave of the Association.

9th. No member shall absent himself, finally, from the Association without leave.

10th. Decency of speech shall be observed—and *personal* reflections carefully avoided.

11th. Whilst the Moderator is putting any question, or addressing the Association, no person shall speak, stand up, or walk out, or across the house. Nor when a member is speaking, entertain private discourse, stand up, or pass between him and the Moderator.

12th. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, but to adjourn—to lay on the table—to postpone indefinitely—to postpone to a day certain—to commit or to amend; which several motions shall have preceedence, in the order in which they stand arranged.

13th. All Committees shall consist of three members unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

14th. A select Committee shall be appointed, on the first day of the Association, to select the ministers who are to preach on Saturday and the succeeding days of the meeting, and give notice thereof to the respective ministers, whose duty it shall be to conform to the arrangements thus made.

15th. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be put by the Moderator, unless withdrawn by the mover.

16th. No standing rule shall be rescinded, altered, or suspended, unless by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

17th. The Constitution and Rules of Decorum and Order, shall be read on Saturday of each Session of the Association.

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OF THE

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE

CANE CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH, ORANGE CO., N. C.,

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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

J. J. James, *Moderator.*
Thomas W. Tobey, *Clerk.*
J. M. Allen, *Assistant Clerk.*

Trustees.

A. Barrow,
J. C. Davis,
G. S. DeJarnette,
Calvin Graves,
John M. Lindsay,
Thomas D. Oldham,
Obadiah Faulkner.

Executive Committee.

Calvin Graves,
Azariah Graves,
R. W. Lawson,
W. Lea,
S. S. Lea,
T. C. Dodson,
Thomas. W. Tobey.

Trustees of the Beulah Male Institute.

A. P. Smith,
Samuel Moore,
Joshua S. Wall,
S. Ivey,
Pleasant Webster,
Milton Stamps,
Thomas J. Robertson.

PROCEEDINGS.

Cane Creek, Orange County, N. C.,
Friday, August 6th, 1858.

The Beulah Baptist Association met with Cane Creek Baptist church. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. F. M. Jordan, from John 14: 6—"I am the way," &c. After the sermon and prayer by Rev. T. W. Tobey, the Association was called to order by the Clerk, in the absence of the former Moderator.

The roll of the churches was then called, and the letters were handed in, from which it appears that the following delegates have been appointed:

Beulah—John T. Poole, Wm. B. Pleasants.
Clement—Stephen Wilkerson, Thomas K. Glenn.
Cane Creek—T. D. Oldham, John Moore, Chesley Moore.
Ephesus—Letter.
Elm Grove—Henry Barby, Pinkney Oliver.
Friendship—No letter nor delegate.
Good Will—R. Gourley.
Hogan's Creek—S. Ivey.
Hillsboro'—Joseph Graham, John Cheek, H. C. Strowd.
Judson—No letter nor delegate.
Kerr's Chapel—No letter nor delegate.
Leaksville—No letter nor delegate.
Madison—J. M. Lindsay, R. W. Baughn.
Mar's Hill—W. Ward, B. M. Andrews.
Mayfield—No letter nor delegate.
Milton—No letter nor delegate.
Mt. Airy—Letter.
Mt. Hermon—A. C. Hunter, D. Strayhorn, W. Jackson.
Mt. Olive—Letter, no delegate.
Mill Creek—J. D. Wilkerson, J. C. Bailey.
Trinity—W. Russell.
Yanceyville—J. M. Allen.
Cool Spring—E. Durham.

Ministers present, ex-officio members—J. J. James, S. Ivey, C. W. Cheek, F. M. Jordan, J. Mitchell, S. Gilmore, T. W. Tobey, R. Gourley.

On motion, it was resolved not to elect a Moderator until to-morrow. Rev. J. J. James was requested to act as Moderator *pro tem.*

On motion, corresponding delegates from sister Associations were invited to take seats with us. Rev. G. Bradford, of Pamlico Association, and brother R. S. Andrews of Sandy Creek were welcomed.

On motion, the Association took a recess of one hour.

FRIDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Association met. On motion, bro. J. M. Allen was appointed Assistant Clerk.

On motion, the following committees were appointed:

On Religious Exercises—The Pastor and Deacons of Cane Creek church.

To Arrange the Business of the Association—J. M. Allen, A. C. Hunter, J. C. Bailey.

On Finance—T. D. Oldham, J. D. Wilkerson, D. Strayhorn.

On Sabbath Schools—C. W. Cheek, J. T. Poole, S. Wilkerson.

On Education—S. Ivey, H. Barby, T. K. Glenn.

On Home Missions—J. Mitchell, J. Moore, W. Russell.

On Publications—T. W. Tobey, W. Jackson, H. C. Strowd.

On Temperance—S. Gilmore, J. C. Cheek, W. Ward.

On Foreign Missions—F. M. Jordan, J. M. Lindsay, B. M. Andrews.

On motion, it was resolved by the Association, to listen to the reading of the letters from the churches. The letters were then read.

On motion, the roll of the churches was called, and it was resolved that the time of the regular meeting of each be printed in our Minutes as follows:

Beulah, third Sunday.
Clement, third Sunday.
Cane Creek, third Sunday.
Ephesus, second Sunday.
Elm Grove, third Sunday.

Friendship, third Sunday.
Good Will, first Sunday.
Hogan's Creek, fourth Sunday.
Hillsboro, every Sunday.
Judson.
Kerr's Chapel, third Sunday.
Leaksville, second Sunday.
Madison, first and fourth Sundays.
Mar's Hill, second Sunday.
Mayfield.
Milton, first and fourth Sundays.
Mill Creek, fourth Sunday.
Mt. Airy, second Sunday.
Mt. Hermon, first Sunday.
Mt. Olive.
Trinity, first and second Sundays.
Yanceyville, third and fourth Sundays.

On motion, brethren Allen, Ivey and Lindsay were appointed a committee to examine the letters from the churches and prepare a synopsis for publication.

On motion, corresponding delegates to other Associations were called upon to report.

Bro. F. M. Jordan reported that he had attended the meeting of the Sandy Creek Association and was kindly received.

Bro. James reported that he had attended the meeting of the Raleigh Association.

The Clerk reported that he had in accordance with the instructions given last year, written to the Clerk of the Strawberry Association, and had received no answer.

The committee appointed to visit Mt. Airy church, reported that they had been unable to meet with the church, but had learned that the difficulty between the members had been settled.

On motion, adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. Mitchell.

SATURDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Association met. Singing and prayer by Rev. R. B. Jones. The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

Delegates from sister Associations were invited to report themselves. Rev. G. W. Purefoy, Rev. Levi Thorne and brother H.

M. C. Strowd, of the Sandy Creek Association; bro. H. Weatherspoon of the Raleigh Association, and Rev. R. B. Jones of Brown Creek, were welcomed.

The report of the committee of Arrangements was read and adopted.

On motion, Rev. J. J. James was elected Moderator.

The petition of Cool Spring Church for admission into the Association, was received and granted. The right hand of fellowship was given by the Moderator to the Delegate.

On motion, Rev. F. M. Jordan, Yarbro and S. Wilkerson were appointed a committee to nominate preachers for the Introductory and Missionary sermons at the next Association.

The following brethren were appointed to the different corresponding Associations.

To the Flat River, to meet on Tuesday after the 2nd Sunday in August—J. J. James, C. W. Cheek, J. Graham and J. S. Watson.

To the Dan River, to meet on Tuesday after the 4th Sunday in July—J. D. Wilkerson, A. W. Barksdale, O. Faulkner.

To the Roanoke, to meet on Friday before the 4th Sunday in August—J. Jones, J. B. Jackson, W. J. Palmer.

To the Liberty, to meet on Friday before the 4th Sunday in August—I. Oaks, R. Gourley, H. Barby, J. Locke.

To the Sandy Creek, to meet on Friday before the 1st Sunday in October—C. W. Cheek, J. J. James, J. Moore, J. Mitchell, H. C. Strowd, T. D. Oldham.

To the Raleigh, to meet on Tuesday before the 4th Sunday in September—J. Mitchell, W. Jackson, A. C. Hunter, John Cheek, D. Strayhorn, J. J. James, E. Durham.

To the Yadkin, to meet on Friday before the 1st Sunday in October—J. Locke, I. Oaks, R. Gourley, E. Dodson, S. Ivey.

To the Taylorsville, on Friday before the 4th Sunday in October—F. M. Jordan, E. Dodson, P. Oliver, J. Locke, C. Whitlock.

To the Strawberry, to meet on the 1st Sunday in August—S. Ivey, J. M. Lindsay.

On motion, the following delegates were appointed to the Baptist State Convention—J. Howell, J. Terrell, E. Dodson, C. Duncan, J. E. Montague, J. J. James, S. Ivey, T. W. Tobey, C. W. Cheek, S. Gilmore, J. Mitchell, J. B. Jackson, F. M. Jordan, L H. Shuck, R. Gourley, J. H. Caudle, C. Graves, A. Graves, J.

M. Allen, J. M. Lindsay, R. W. Lawson, W. J. Palmer, H. C. Strowd, S. S. Lea, R. A. Moore, S. Wilkerson, J. W. Graham, W. Jackson, A. C. Hunter, J. C. Cheek, D. Strayhorn, W. Russell, G. Graves, T. D. Glenn, W. Ward, P. Oliver.

The report of the Colporter was read and ordered to be printed. See Appendix A.

Brethren Cheek, R. B. Jones, F. M. Jordan, S. Ivey, and J. J. James made some remarks in reference to the destitution existing within the bounds of the Association, and to the need of the appointment of more missionaries.

The following brethren were appointed a committee on Colportage:—Ivey, Jordan and Allen.

The report of the committee on Periodicals was read and adopted, after remarks by Revs. G. W. Purefoy, T. W. Tobey, F. M. Jordan, R. B. Jones, C. W. Cheek, and J. J. James. See Appendix B.

The Association then took a recess of one hour.

SATURDAY, 1 o'clock, P. M.

The Association met.

Resolved, That the next meeting of the Association be held with Elm Grove church in Guilford, on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in August, 1859.

The committee on Education reported. The report after remarks by brethren Tobey and Ivey was adopted. See Appendix C.

On motion, resolved to request Rev. E. Dodson to report for publication in our Minutes the amount subscribed to him for Foreign Missions by the churches of this Association.

The report of the committee on Home Missions was read and adopted. See Appendix D.

The committee on Sabbath Schools presented their report which was adopted, after remarks by Revs. J. J. James, T. W. Tobey, J. Mitchell, F. M. Jordan, G. W. Purefoy and R. B. Jones. See Appendix E.

The committee on Colportage reported. After remarks by brethren J. M. Allen, L. Thorne, G. W. Purefoy and W. Russell, it was adopted. See Appendix F.

Resolved, That the Clerk be instructed to collect the amount due for the scholarship with the exception of Rev. A. Jones' subscription, which is remitted.

A subscription was made for the purpose of raising the salary of a missionary to labor in our bounds during the next year.

On motion adjourned to meet on Monday at 9 o'clock A. M.—Prayer by Rev. G. W. Purefoy.

SUNDAY, Aug. 8.

A large congregation assembled at 10, at the stand and listened attentively to an impressive discourse from Rev. R. B. Jones from Luke 14: 16. At 11, Rev. T. W. Tobey preached a Missionary sermon from Matt. 28: 18, 19, 20. A collection amounting to $38 was taken up. As 2 P. M. Rev. L. Thorne preached an interesting discourse from Zech. 4: 7.

MONDAY, Aug. 9, 1858.

The Association met. Prayer by Rev. George W. Purefoy.

The proceedings of Saturday were read and approved.

Rev. G. W. Purefoy was requested to act as Moderator, in the absence of brother James.

The report of the committee on Foreign Missions was read and adopted. See Appendix G.

The report of the committee on Temperance was read and adopted, after remarks by Rev. F. M. Jordan, T. W. Tobey and George W. Purefoy. See Appendix H.

A collection was taken to make up the deficiency in the salary of the colporter.

The committee appointed to nominate preachers for the next Association reported. Rev. J. Mitchell to preach the Introductory sermon, Rev. S. Ivey alternate; Rev. J. B. Jackson Missionary sermon, Rev. T. W. Tobey alternate.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to solicit funds for the payment of the debt due for the erection of the building of the Beulah Male Institute. Committee—Rev. S. Ivey, W. Russell, S. Wilkerson.

All the ordained ministers in the Association were appointed a Presbytery for the ordination of ministers, &c.

The following resolutions were passed:

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be requested to correspond with bro J. L. Gwaltney, and ascertain if his services can be procured as Missionary in the bounds of this Association; and if so, that said Committee employ him immediately.

Resolved, That if brother Gwaltney's services cannot be procured, the Committee be empowered to procure immediately some other able and efficient Missionary to labor in the bounds of this Association.

Ordered that the Clerks be paid Fifteen Dollars.

The Executive Committee was appointed, consisting of T. C. Dodson, C. Graves, A. Graves, R. W. Lawson, W. Lea, S. S. Lea, and T. W. Tobey.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be, and they are hereby tendered to the brethren and friends of this community for the very hospitable manner in which we have been received and entertained during our stay among them.

Resolved, That 800 copies of the Minutes be printed and distributed among the churches.

Adjourned to meet with Elm Grove church, in Guildford, on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in August 1859. Singing and prayer by Elder T. W. Tobey.

THE SCHOLARSHIP.

For the Scholarship the following amounts have been paid:

Mrs. Mary C. Graves,	$25 00
Elias Dodson,	25 00
Thomas W. Tobey,	25 00
Thomas Settle,	75 00
Dr. G. H. DeJarnette,	25 00
J. J. James,	25 00
Thomas D. Oldham,	25 00
Robert W. Lawson,	50 00
William Russell,	50 00
W. A. Bradshaw,	12 50
James K. Lea,	25 00
Thos. W. Graves,	25 00
Benjamin Churchill,	20 00
James M. Lindsay,	25 00
	$432 50

Leaving $67.50 yet unpaid. For this have been subscribed the following:

N. J. Palmer,	$25 00
T. Nelson,	12 50
B. Churchill,	5 00
	$42 50

A. Jones' subscription ($25) has been remitted, leaving it to be provided for at the next Association.

TREASURER'S REPORT, 1858.

Thomas W. Tobey, *to Beulah Association*, Dr.

To balance in hand as per Minutes of 1857,	$ 48 30
To amount received of Finance Com. at Cane Creek,	246 70
To am't received from J. M. Allen, collection $26, and Mt. Hermon $2,	28 00
To collection on Sunday,	38 00
	$361 00

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By amount paid C. W. Cheek,	$198 00
" " for printing minutes and postage,	38 00
" " Clerk,	15 00
" " J. S. Purefoy for Foreign Missions,	99 20
" " J. S. Purefoy for Education,	2 00
" " M. T. Sumner for Indian Missions,	5 00
	$361 20

PASTORS OF CHURCHES, CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.
Beulah,...........	J. B. Jackson,	A. M. Pleasant,	Yanceyville.
Clement,..........	F. M. Jordan,	T. K. Glenn,	Bushy Fork.
Cane Creek,.......	S. Gilmore,	Thomas S. Cate,	Rock Spring.
Cool Spring,......	F. M. Jordan,	James A. Forest,	Hillsborough.
Ephesus,..........	J. B. Jackson,	Obadiah Faulkner,	Cun'gham's Store.
Elm Grove,.......	L. H. Shuck,	S. A. Powell,	Summerfield.
Friendship,.......		John Ferguson,	Wilson's Store.
Good Will,.......	R. Gourley,	Robert Jones,	White Road.
Hogan's Creek,....	S. Ivey,	Woodson Johnson,	Reidsville.
Hillsborough,.....	J. Mitchell,	H. C. Strowd,	Hillsboro.
Judson,...........			
Kerr's Chapel,....	S. Ivey,	T. W. Graves,	Yanceyville.
Leaksville,........	W. M. Ferguson,	A. H. Barnes,	Leaksville.
Madison,..........	S. Ivey,	J. A. Vernon,	Madison.
Mar's Hill,........	F. M. Jordan,	W. J. Ward,	Hillsboro'.
Mayfield,..........		G. S. DeJarnette,	Mayfield.
Milton,............	J. B. Jackson,	G. W. Thompson,	Milton.
Mill Creek,........	J. E. Montague,	J. W. Hunt,	Roxboro.
Mount Airy,......	T. C. Lewis,	James Greenwood,	Mt. Airy.
Mount Hermon,...	J. Howell,	A. C. Hunter,	University Station.
Mount Olive,......	J. H. Caudle,	Alexander Boyles,	Little Yadkin.
Trinity,...........	T. W. Tobey,	William Slade,	Locust Hill.
Yanceyville,.......	T. W. Tobey,	William Graves,	Yanceyville.

LICENSED MINISTERS.

A. H. Barnes, Leaksville, Rockingham County, N. C.
T. C. Lewis, Mt. Airy, Surry " "

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

S. Gilmore, Oakland, Chatham County, N. C.
J. H. Caudle, Little Yadkin, Stokes " "
C. W. Cheek, White Cross, Orange " "
W. M. Ferguson, Cascade, Va.
Jesse Howell, Grove, Chatham " N. C.
S. Ivey, Madison, Rockingham " "
J. Mitchell, Hillsborough, Orange " "
F. M. Jordan, " " " "
T. King, Hyco, Halifax " Va.
E. Dodson, Yanceyville, Caswell " N. C.
C. Duncan, Madison, Rockingham " "
R. Gourley, Bruce's X Roads, Guil'd " "
J. B. Jackson, Milton, Caswell " "
J. E. Montague, Blue Wing, Gran. " "
J. Terrell, Francisco, Stokes " "
T. W. Tobey, Yanceyville, Caswell " "
L. H. Shuck, Madison, Rockingham " "
J. J. James, Raleigh, Wake " "

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Received by baptism.	Received by letter.	Dismissed by letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	Contingent Fund.	Colporter and Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Indian Missions.	Education.
Beulah,					1	28	1 50	5 00			
Clement,	13		1	1	2	76	2 00	10 20	1 00		
Cane Creek,	9		11		2	216	4 00	7 50			
Cool Springs,	16	1				17	1 00	2 00			
Ephesus,	12	1	1		2	154	3 00	11 00			
Elm Grove,	1	2	2	1	4	61	2 55	3 00			
Friendship,											
Good Will,	1	1			2	46	2 00				
Hogan's Creek,					2	48	2 00	1 55			
Hillsboro,	4					58	2 00	23 50			
Judson,											
Kerr's Chapel,						19	75	2 00			
Leaksville,											
Madison,	1	2	4	2	1	148	3 00	6 20	5 20		
Mar's Hill,	22		16			46	1 50	2 00			2 00
Mayfield,											
Milton,							2 00	20 50			
Mt. Airy,			6			11	1 00				
Mt. Hermon,				3	1	86	2 00	5 25			
Mt. Olive,				1		44	1 00				
Mill Creek,	2	2	2	3	3	116	2 00	12 50			
Trinity,	1	1		1	[illegible]	3[illegible]	3 00	30 00	5 00	5	
Yanceyville,	1	2	1		[illegible]	11	3 00	22 00	50 00		
Total,	100	12	44	12	24	1330	39 30	164 20	61 20	5	2 00

APPENDIX.

A.

COLPORTEUR'S REPORT.

Through the kind providence of God, I have been blessed with unusual good health. During the Associational year, I was confined and unable to travel one week. Into whatever community or family I have gone, I have been kindly received. I find there are extensive sections of country, and many of them, entirely without any Baptist preaching. The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few. There is only one Missionary Baptist church in Alamance county. One Colporteur Missionary in this Association is scarcely a drop in the bucket, comparatively speaking. There are a great many persons in this Association who never heard scarcely any Baptist preaching. I have kept up preaching through the Spring and Summer, in several neighborhoods where there are no Baptists. Our views and principles are misrepresented and misunderstood in communities destitute of Baptist preaching. Some are under the impression we regard baptism as essential to the salvation of the soul; and many are led to believe that we regard no denomination as being christians except our own. There is great need that we be a working people, and work out of the minds of these communities these false notions and feelings. These communities generally take more interest in a doctrinal sermon than others. It is high time we were more in the spirit of doing missionary work both at home and abroad.

Since the last meeting of this body, I have sold religious books to the amount of $232 20, Bibles and Testaments amounting to $19 05; I have traveled 3050 miles; preached 49 sermons; and made one discourse on baptism; visited 215 families; obtained 10 subscribers to the Biblical Recorder; assisted in ordaining one deacon; distributed gratuitously 376 pages of religious tracts; assisted in holding several protracted meetings, and encouraged Sabbath Schools. Respectfully submitted.

C. W. CHEEK, *Colporteur.*

B.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

It is admitted by all who have investigated the subject, that well conducted religious periodicals are of essential advantage in disseminating religious knowledge, and in advancing the interests of the cause of Christ. That our periodicals may be well conducted, they must receive a liberal patronage. It is to be regretted that the Biblical Recorder, the organ of our Denomination in the State, receives from the Baptists comparatively so slight a degree of attention. With our membership, we ought weekly to circuculate from five to eight thousand copies of the Recorder, whereas its present circulation is not over two thousand. The Pastors of our churches ought to strive to introduce a copy into each family under their charge.

The Recorder is conducted with ability, and may be considered a fair exponent of our Denominational views.

The committee learn with pleasure that improvements have recently been made in its typography, which enables it to present an attractive and neat appearance.

Our Missionary periodicals deserve patronage. The Commission published monthly in Richmond, Va., for $1 per year, and the Home and Foreign Journal, also published monthly in Richmond at 25 cents per year, are well conducted periodicals, and deserve a liberal patronage.

In fact, unless we read our missionary periodicals, we cannot feel a proper degree of interest in our missionary operations. The committee recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That we will endeavor to extend yet more widely the circulation of the Biblical Recorder, and the Commission, and the Home and Foreign Journal.

T. W. TOBEY, *Chairman.*

C.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of Education, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and are happy to report that there appears to be an increased desire and interest manifested on the part of our brethren to build up and sustain their own denominational schools and colleges, and thus to have their sons and daughters educated free from influences destructive to the cause of truth.

Your committee are pleased to see the success that has attended our denominational efforts whenever and wherever our brethren have put their hearts and their hands to this great work.

Baptists should support Baptist schools and colleges. In the education of your sons, your committee would recommend Wake Forest College, which is now endowed, as worthy every way of being well sustained. As preparatory to W. F. College, we recommend the Beulah Male Institute as a first-class preparatory school.

In the education of your daughters, you should patronize Baptist schools and colleges. Your committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Beulah Male Institute be requested to report to each session of this body, the number and names of teachers, the number of students, and the financial condition of the Institution, and that said report be printed with our Minutes.

Respectfully submitted.

S. IVEY, *Chairman*.

☞ The following is the report of the financial condition of the Beulah Male Institute:

Least of the Building,	$1820 00
" " Apparatus, &c.,	70 00
" " Seats,	94 00
	$1984 00
By amount of subscription,	1677 00
	$ 307 00

M. STAMPS.

P. S. About $1400 has been paid in.

D.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Our Association has but one Colporteur. His success, during the past year, you may learn from his report.

It is to be regretted that we are doing so little to supply the destitution within our bounds. This Association embraces a large extent of territory unoccupied by Baptists. And many of our churches are feeble, and need encouragement from their brethren. The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Brethren, let us pray without ceasing to the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into His harvest. And let us prove our sincerity by our works. The Lord has an important work for each one of his followers to do, and he expects every one to do *his duty.* Let us, my brethren, devise more liberal things.—Let us attempt more for the Lord, and (with the blessing of God) do more, and show, that we are not of them "who love in word and in tongue, but in deed and in truth."

JOHN MITCHELL, *Chairman.*

E.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sabbath Schools submit the following:

We regard Sabbath Schools a means, second to none, in framing the character of our youth. Sabbah Schools are well calculated to inspire the mind with holy desires, a taste for religious reading, the habit of meditating on what they read, and thus effectually direct their attention to those things which will tell for good to them here and hereafter.

We therefore recommend all the churches to establish Sabbath Schools in every place where it is practicable and advisable to do so, and to give time and attention to them.

We further recommend that pastors of the churches urge the importance of sustaining well conducted Sabbath Schools.

Respectfully submitted.

S. WILKERSON, *Chairman.*

F.

REPORT ON COLPORTAGE.

The Committee on Colportage beg leave to submit the following remarks:

We have taken the subject under calm and mature deliberation, and arrived at the following conclusion, which we recommend to the consideration of the Association:

The system of Colportage, as it has been carried on in our midst, is entirely inadequate to the *urgent* wants of our own bounds. We therefore recommend that the Association employ, as soon as possible, an able and efficient Missionary to labor *exclusively* with the destitute churches within our bounds.

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to sustain, by our *prayers* and our *means*, such a Missionary when employed.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. JORDAN, *Chairman.*

G.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

There are thousands and millions of the human race in China, Africa, and elsewhere, who are perishing for the Bread of Life.—The revealed will of the Master is, for those who are blessed with the Gospel, to send it to those who have it not; and shall we refuse to send the Gospel to those who are drawn into eternal death, when it is within our power? Without the Gospel we should be in the same benighted condition—engulphed in heathenism. Let us exchange conditions, place ourselves in a heathen land, and the heathen in a gospel land, and ask, could we not reasonably expect them to send us the gospel, and tell us the story of the cross.

We need united, systematic effort, accompanied with fervent prayers, reposing strong and unwavering confidence in the God of all grace to bless our efforts.

H.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee on Temperance respectfully submit the following report:

That temperance is a subject well worthy, yea, demands the serious attention and hearty co-operation of every human being; and more especially should Christians encourage it both by precept and example. Then the church of Christ would reflect the light and influence by this christian grace, as the word of God requires her to do. How much longer will men suffer the cause of Christ and humanity to bleed at every pore? We must, and will, if the love of God is experienced in the soul, come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty. And what our hands find to do, let us do it with our might, until intemperance is driven from our land.

Hence, we recommend, that our churches do not give countenonce to the use of spirituous liquors as a beverage.

S. GILMORE, *Chairman.*

NOTE.

The subscription of Bro. A. Jones to the scholarship ($25) has been paid. The letter of the Clerk came to hand too late, or it would have so appeared in the record. The reader, therefore, will please correct as he proceeds. PRINTER.

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OF THE

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OF THE

BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

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Proceedings.

Bruce's X Roads, Guildford County, N. C.,
August 12th, 1859.

The Beulah Baptist Association met in its 26th annual session with the Elm Grove church, at this place. The introductory sermon was delivered, according to appointment, by Elder John Mitchell, from 2nd Timothy 2 : 15—"Study to show thyself approved," &c.

After a short recess the Association was called to order by brother J. M. Allen, and opened by singing and prayer by Elder A. M. Poindexter, of Virginia.

The Association then proceeded to the election of officers, when brother Calvin Graves was unanimously elected Moderator, brother J. M. Allen, Clerk, and Elder L. H. Shuck, assistant Clerk.

On motion, a committee on religious exercises was appointed, consisting of Elder John Roberson, Dr. S. A. Powell, and Isaac Oaks.

The Clerk then proceeded to call the roll of the churches, which exhibited the following delegation, viz :

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.
Beulah,	John T. Pool.
Clement,	Joseph Coleman, Wm. A. Bradsher.
Cool Spring,	James A. Forest.
Cane Creek,	T. D. Oldham, Wyatt Cates, W. P. Oldham.
Ephesus,	Letter.
Elm Grove,	Dr. S. A. Powell, C. Case, Allen Oliver.
Friendship,	John Bennett.
Good Will,	R. Gourley, Robt. Jones, John Lewis.
Hogan's Creek,	A. Martin, Rob. Wray, And. Wray.
Hillsboro,	John Mitchell, Jas. E. Jones, J. S. Watson.
Judson,	Elder J. Terrell.
Kerr's Chapel,	James L. Kerr.
Leaksville,	Calvin Jones, Jas. J. Dallas, A. H. Barnes.
Madison,	J. M. Lindsay.
Mars Hill,	Wm. J. Ward.
Mayfield,	Dr. George S. DeJarnett.
Milton,	J. B. Jackson.
Mt. Airy,	John Roberson, S. Ivey, John Whitlock.
Mt. Hermon,	D. Strayhorn, W. J. Freeland, John Hall.
Mt. Olive,	H. C. Gibson, Robert W. Boyles.
Mill Creek,	Jesse Chambers, Tinsley W. Buchanan.
Trinity,	Calvin Graves, A. Graves, R. W. Lawson.
Yanceyville,	James Poteat, J. M. Allen.

Ministers present, *Ex-officio* members of the Association—J. B. Jackson, John Roberson, S. Ivey, F. M. Jordan, S. G. Mason, R. Gourley, J. Mitchell.

On motion, corresponding delegates from sister Associations were invited to take seats with us.

Brother J. B. Lewellen, from the Blue Ridge Association; brother B. F. Eaton, from the Yadkin; brother John Teague, from Liberty; and Elders J. J. James, T. E. Skinner, and J. S. Purefoy, from the Raleigh Associations, were welcomed by the Moderator.

On motion, visiting ministering brethren were invited to take seats with us, and participate with us in our deliberations. Elder A. M. Poindexter, Cor. Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention; Elder J. F. B. Mays, Agent of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; Elder J. L. Prichard, from the Union Association; and Elder Silas Livermore, from the Greenbrier Association, Va., accepted the invitation, and were welcomed.

The standing committees were then appointed as follows, viz:

To arrange business for the Association—J. M. Allen, Robt. Gourley, Dr. S. A. Powell.

On Finance—J. Poteat, A. Graves, James A. Forest.

On Sunday Schools—J. B. Jackson, J. T. Pool, D. Strayhorn.

On Education—S. G. Mason, J. M. Lindsay, Wm. A. Bradsher.

On Home Missions—F. M. Jordan, J. S. Watson, Wm. J. Ward.

On Publications—J. Mitchell, J Roberson, Wm. J. Freeland.

On Temperance—S. Ivey, A. H. Barnes, Allen Oliver.

On Foreign Missions—L. H. Shuck, Jos. Coleman, Calvin Jones.

The committee on religious exercises made their report, which was accepted, and the committee discharged.

On motion, the Association then adjourned till Saturday morning, 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder J. S. Purefoy.

Saturday Morning, Aug. 13th, 9 o'clock.

The Association met, and was called to order by the Moderator. Singing and prayer by Elder T. E. Skinner.

Elder C. C. Chaplin appeared as a corresponding delegate from the Roanoke Association, of Va., and was welcomed.

A letter was then read from a newly constituted church in Greensborough, asking admission into this body; and, on motion, it was unan-

nously admitted into this Association as one of its constituent mem-
ers.

On motion, corresponding delegates to sister Associations were appointed as follows:

To the Flat River Association—T. King, J. E. Montague.

To the Dan River Association—James Poteat, S. G. Mason, Geo. W. Thompson, J. B. Jackson.

To Roanoke Association—S. G. Mason, J. B. Jackson, Wm. Lea, J. M. Allen.

To Liberty Association—J. Roberson, L. H. Shuck, R. Gourley, J. M. Lindsey, J. Terrell.

To Sandy Creek Association—J. J. James, J. Mitchell, Thomas D. Oldham.

To Raleigh Association—J. B. Jackson, J. J. James, J. Cheek, J. S. Watson, F. M. Jordan.

To Yadkin Association, commencing Thursday before first Sabbath in October—J. H. Caudle, J. Roberson, S. Ivey, J. Terrell.

To Taylorsville Association—F. M. Jordan, E. Dodson, Jas. Locke.

To Blue Ridge Association, commencing on Friday before 3rd Sabbath in September—S. Ivey, J. Terrell, J. Roberson, T. H. Caudle, J. M. Lindsay.

Brother J. M. Allen, from the committee of Arrangements, reported, which was received, and the committee discharged.

The Clerk then proceeded to read the letters from the churches.

On motion, corresponding delegates were then called on to report. Bro. T. D. Oldham reported his attendance at the last Sandy Creek Association, and was kindly received; brother J. J. James attended the Raleigh Association, and was kindly received. Other brethren gave satisfactory reasons for not attending other sister bodies, and were severally excused.

On motion, the Association then considered the petition from Cool Spring church, asking aid to liquidate the debt incurred in building their house of worship. Brother F. M. Jordan gave an interesting account of the organization, history, &c., of this church, followed by remarks from Elder A. M. Poindexter, after which the following brethren gave the amounts annexed to their names for that object:

J. J. James, $5; Calvin Graves, 10; A. Graves, 5; J. Poteat, 5; J. J. Dallas, 1; Wm. A. Bradsher, 5; Joseph Coleman, 4; A. M. Poindexter, 1; Mrs. F. Graves, 3; Mrs. Isabella McNeal, 3; John T. Poole, 3; D. Strayhorn, 1; J. B. Jackson, 5; C. C. Chaplin, 1; J.

M. Allen, 10; L. H. Shuck, 5; B. F. Eaton, 1; S. Ivey, 1; W. J. Freeland, 1; J. A. Forest, 1; J. H. Caudle, 1; J. Roberson, 1; J. Terrell, 25 cents; cash 2 20. Whole amount, $74 45.

The Association then suspended its business, to give brother A. M. Poindexter an opportunity to address the brethren of this body on the subject of Foreign Missions, which he did with more than his accustomed ability and zeal. During his remarks, several brethren rose and asked the prayers of the Association, that God would enable them to bring up, and dedicate their children to the cause of Missions. Bro. J. L. Prichard made special prayer; after which the following amounts were contributed for Foreign Missions:

R. W. Lawson, $20; J. M. Lindsay, 20; J. Poteat, 20; J. M. Allen, 20; T. E. Skinner, 20; J. B. Jackson, 10; Calvin Graves, 10; J. J. James, 10; J. Mitchell, 10; J. Mitchell, 10; S. G. Mason, 10; J. S. Watson, 5; A. Graves, 5; Jasper Davis, 5; Mrs. Isabella McNeal, 5; Mrs. F. A. Graves, $5; R. Gourley 50 cents; J. H. Caudle, 1; S. Ivey, 1; Dr. S. A. Powell, 5; L. Stephens, 3; J. Roberson, 1; Dr. G. S. DeJarnet, 11; cash, 7 83. Whole amount, $201 33.

On motion, a new church called Town Fork, which has been recently organized in Forsyth county, was admitted into this Association, and the delegate welcomed to a seat with us.

The Association then took a recess.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 o'clock.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, and immediately adjourned to the stand, to give Elder Mays, Agent of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, an opportunity to address the Association and congregation in behalf of that Institution. Elder Mays was followed by remarks on the same subject from Elders Poindexter, Skinner, and Prichard; at the conclusion of which a subscription of $500 was obtained by Elder Mays for the endowment of said Seminary.

The Association was called to order, and proceeded with its business.

On motion, the next session of this body was appointed to he held with the church in Hillsboro, to commence on Friday before the 2nd Lord's day in August, 1860.

The Association then suspended its business to allow Elder J. L. Prichard to present the claims of the First Baptist Church in Wilmington for aid in erecting them a house of worship.

Elder J. S. Purefoy presented the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted, after remarks by Elders Roberson and Gourley:

Resolved, That this Association approves of the action of the N. C. Baptist State Convention, in making Colportage one of its primary objects.

Resolved, That this Association will co-operate with the Convention in the work of Colportage.

Resolved, That this Association recommend to the churches that they will unitedly raise $200 and send up to the next Convention, to defray the salary of one Colporter, upon which they will be entitled to one delegate for every $10 sent.

On motion, Elder S. G. Mason was chosen to preach the Introductory sermon before the next Association; Elder J. Mitchell, alternate. Elder L. H. Shuck, was chosen to preach the Missionary sermon; Elder J. B. Jackson, alternate.

Elders T. E. Skinner, J. B. Jackson, and J. S. Purefoy made some interesting remarks relative to the establishment of a Female Seminary of high grade at Raleigh, which has been set on foot by the brethren and friends in that City.

On motion, the Association adjourned till Monday morning, 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder S. G. Mason.

SUNDAY, August 14th.

A large congregation assembled, and were addressed by Elder S. G. Mason.

At 11 o'clock, Elder A. M. Poindexter addressed the congregation on the subject of Missions, but was interrupted by a heavy fall of rain, and closed without finishing his discourse. Elder J. L. Prichard preached in the afternoon.

MONDAY MORNING, August 15th.

The Association met, and was called to order by the Moderator. After singing, prayer by Elder J. J. James.

The proceedings of Saturday were then read and approved.

On motion, brother C. P. Bogart, Agent of the American Bible Union, was invited to a seat with us.

The committee on Sabbath Schools then made the following report:

Your committee regard the Sabbath School as an efficient means in the hands of the church, of advancing the Redeemer's kingdom. In the Sabbath School, work may be found for every member of the church—work profitable to both teachers and scholars. Thousands have been converted to God by this means. Seeing that the blessing of God rests upon this institution, and the labors therewith connected, we would recommend to the churches, to establish Sabbath Schools throughout this Association, and to procure such books as do not ignore Baptist principles. Respectfully submitted,

J. B. JACKSON, Chairman.

After remarks by Elders Ivey, Prichard, Roberson, James, Chaplin, Caudle, Jordan, Livermore, and brother J. S. Watson, the report was unanimously adopted.

The following resolution was then offered by Elder Ivey, and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the clerks of all the churches connected with this Association, that may have Sabbath Schools, be requested to state in the letters to the next session of this body, a particular account of each Sabbath School, under the supervision of such churches.

The committee on Education presented the following report:

The success of the efforts put forth by our people in the cause of Education is a source of gratitude and encouragement. A good work has been done in the State, and even in our own Association. Wake Forest College has now the prospect before her of greater success than at any former period. The Female Institute at Murfreesborough is in a high degree prosperous. The College at Oxford is also prosperous, and doing a good work. The Beulah Male Institute is flourishing, and promises much usefulness. Much, however, remains to be done. Only a tythe of our labor in this direction has as yet been performed; and we rejoice that our brethren are waking up to see and feel the necessity of largely increased efforts, both for male and female Education among our people. Our brethren at Raleigh have recently made a liberal and spirited move in behalf of a Female Institute of high grade, to be located in their City; and many of our people are feeling deeply the necessity of largely increasing the number of our private schools and academies. Your committee would call attention especially to the Beulah Academy. We learn that there is still a debt hanging over this school, and we think our brethren in the Association should at once remove these burdens. We call attention also to the Southern Theological Seminary, and recommend it most earnestly to the sympathies and contributions of our people.

Respectfully submitted,

S. G. MASON, Chairman.

After remarks by Elders James, Chaplin, and Prichard, the report was unanimously adopted.

Elder Chaplin gave an interesting account of the organization of the

Union Female College located in Danville, Va. The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we are glad to learn that the Roanoke and Dan River Associations have determined to establish a Female School of high order in Danville, and earnestly recommend to the members of the churches composing this Association, to patronize said Female School.

Elder S. Ivey presented the following report of the condition of the Beulah Male Institute:

REPORT OF BEULAH MALE INSTITUTE.

Elder L. H. Shuck, Principal. D. S. Patrick, Assistant. Number of students, 56.

Present indebtedness, - - - -	$526 17
Subscription unpaid, - - - - -	108 00
	418 17

S. IVEY, Secretary.

The following preamble and resolution was then offered, which, after remarks by Elders Ivey, Roberson, Bailey, James, Shuck, Prichard, and brethren Lindsay and Lawson, were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The Beulah Male Institute, established by this Association, is at present in a flourishing condition, and the sum necessary for the payment of the building has not yet been secured. Therefore

Resolved, That this Association do now proceed to raise the amount required to liquidate the debt.

The following pledges were then made by the brethren present, for the payment of said debt:

R. W. Lawson, $50; Trinity church, by A. Graves, 50; Elder J. J. James, 20; Madison church, by J. M. Lindsay, 40; Hillsboro church, by Elder J. Mitchell, 25; Yanceyville church, by J. Poteat and J. M. Allen, 40; Mrs. Isabella McNeil, 10; Mrs. F. A. Graves, 10; Hogan's Creek church, by A. Martin, 20; Dr. S. A. Powell, 10; Wm. Russel, 10; Leaksville church, by C. Jones, 10; Mt. Hermon church, by D. Strayhorn, 10; Mars Hill church, by F. M. Jordan, 10; Clement church, by W. A. Bradsher, 25; Mt. Airy church, by J. Roberson, 10; Mill Creek church, by Jesse Chambers, 10; Mayfield church, by Dr. Geo. S. DeJarnette, 20; Cane Creek church, by Wm. P. Oldham, 10; J. M. Lindsay, 5. Total amount, $395.

On motion, the sum of seventeen dollars, sent up from Trinity church, was added to this amount.

On motion, the Clerk was instructed to correspond with the churches at Ephesus, Milton, and Beulah, and ask them to aid in paying the debt of the Beulah Male Institute.

The committee on Finance presented their report, which was received. See Appendix.

The report of the committee on Home Missions was read, and, after remarks by Elders J. Roberson, F. M. Jordan, S. Ivey, J. Caudle, J. J. James, J. L. Pritchard, and brother J. S. Watson, was unanimously adopted as follows:

Last year we had no missionary. Brethren, these things ought not so to be. There are many families in the eastern bounds of our Association, who scarcely ever hear a sermon, or receive any religious instruction. And we suppose there are many within the western bounds alike destitute. There are even counties with scarcely a Baptist church or minister in them. Brethren, these fields, though destitute, are white to the harvest, and if we do not go up and possess the land, it will be possessed by others. Now is the time for action. We need men and means. Your committee most earnestly recommend the appointment of two missionaries to perform Mission and Colporter work, and that we do most liberally sustain them both by our contributions and our prayers. Respectfully submitted,

F. M. JORDAN, Chairman.

On motion, the report on Home Missions was referred to the Executive Committee of the Association.

The Association then went into an election of an Executive Committee, viz: J. M. Allen, J. Poteat, A. Graves, J. M. Lindsay, and Wm. Lea. The Association then took a recess.

Afternoon Session, 2 o'clock.

The committee on Temperance presented the following report, which was adopted:

The committee, to whom was referred the subject of Temperance, report, that this subject ought to claim the attention of all, but especially should the children of God be diligent to promote and advance this great cause.

Temperance is as plainly and emphatically taught in the Holy Scriptures, as any other christian duty. We believe if all christians would faithfully occupy Bible ground on this subject, every church would be strictly a Temperance society, and the cause would be much advanced. Your committee would recommend that the churches of this Association be more diligent in promoting the cause of Temperance. Your committee are of opinion, that no professor of religion should make, or deal in, or use intoxicating liquors, in any way whatever, except for medicinal or mechanical purposes. Heaven's command is that we "add to our faith virture, and to virtue knowledge, and to knowledge temperance." Respectfully submitted,

S. IVEY, Chairman.

The committee on Foreign Missions presented the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

Your committee would urge upon this Association the importance of a deeper, and more general interest, in the cause of our Foreign Missions. The gradual increase in the receipts of the Foreign Mission Board exhibits, on the part of a large portion of Baptists, a growing interest in the work. The benighted millions of the earth must have the Gospel. They have a claim upon our prayers, our contributions, and our united efforts in their behalf. "The spirit of Missions is the spirit of Christ." The most urgent cry of the Foreign Mission Board at present is for men. The need of more missionaries is daily felt. Our prayer should be, that God would raise up pious and efficient young men for our Foreign Mission work. There are at present 6 male missionaries in China, 3 white males and 1 colored in central Africa, and about twenty to thirty missionaries and teachers in Liberia, and Sierra Leone, all colored. Since the last report of the Board, thirteen Chinese have been baptized at Canton; quite a number of persons in Liberia, and the news from our other Missions is encouraging. The cheering prospects in our Foreign Mission field demand the gratitude of our hearts to Almighty God, in thus blessing the labors of his devoted servants. Your committee would recommend to the liberal patronage of the brethren generally, our Missionary periodicals—the "Commission," and "Home and Foreign Journal," published by the Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention at Richmond, Va. By an extended circulation of these papers, the cause of Missions will be greatly promoted. Let us, brethren, be unceasing in our prayers, that the heathen may soon be given to our Saviour as his inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth as his possession.

L. H. SHUCK, Chairman.

The committee on Publications made the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

Too little attention is paid by our brethren generally to the circulation and the reading of our denominational papers. It is much to be regretted that the "Biblical Recorder," the organ of our denomination in this State, has not a far more liberal patronage. It ought to be introduced and read, as far as practicable, in every family.

Our missionary periodicals ought also to be more generally circulated and read. The "Commission," published monthly in Richmond, Va., for one dollar per year, and "The Home and Foreign Journal," published also in Richmond at twenty-five cents per year, are ably conducted, and deserve a liberal patronage. Your committee would recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That we will do what we can to increase and extend the circulation of the "Biblical Recorder," "The Home and Foreign Journal," and "Commission." Respectfully submitted,

J. MITCHELL, Chairman.

On motion, the following delegates were appointed to the Baptist State Convention, viz: Brethren Calvin Graves, R. W. Lawson, A. Graves, Wm. Russell, J. Poteat, J. M. Allen, S. G. Mason, S. S. Lea, Wm. Lea, J. B. Jackson, Jno. W. Graves, S. Ivey, J. J. James, J. Mitchell, J. W. Graham, F. M. Jordan, J. S. Watson, W. A. Bradsher, S. Wilkerson, L. H. Shuck, Joseph Coleman, T. K. Glenn, J. Roberson, R. Gourley, J. M. Lindsay, T. D. Oldham, S. A. Powell, R. C. Bayley, P. H. Neal, T. J. Womack, J. W. Hunt, A. C. Hunter, A. H. Barnes, W. A Ward, D. Strayhorn, H. C. Strowd, George A. Graves.

On motion, the Clerk was directed to append the Constitution of this Association to the Minutes.

On motion, the Clerk was directed to have eight hundred copies of the Minutes published, and to distribute them among the churches.

Ordered, that the Clerks be paid fifteen dollars.

On motion, the Association then allowed brother C. P. Bogart, Agent of the American Bible Union, to present the claims of that body.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be, and are hereby tendered to the brethren and friends of this community, for the very hospitable manner in which we have been received and entertained during the session of the Association.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet with the church in Hillsboro, on Friday before the 2nd Sabbath in August, 1860. Prayer by Elder J. L. Prichard.

CALVIN GRAVES, Moderator.

J. M. ALLEN, Clerk.

LICENSED MINISTERS.

A. H. Barnes, Leaksville, N. C.
T. C. Lewis, Mt. Airy, N. C.
J. S. Watson, Hillsboro, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

S. Gilmore, Oakland, N. C.
J. H. Caudle, Little Yadkin, “
W. M. Ferguson, Cascade, Va.
Jesse Howell, Grove, N. C.
S. Ivey, Madison, “
J. Mitchell, Hillsboro, “
F. M. Jordan, “
N. W. Wilson, Bloombury, Va.
C. Duncan, Madison, N. C.
R. Gourley, Bruce's X Roads, “
J. B. Jackson, Milton, “
J. E. Montague, Blue Wing “
J. Terrell, Francisco, “
L. H. Shuck, Madison, “
J. J. James, Raleigh, “
S. G. Mason, Yanceyville, “

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by letter.	Dis'd by letter.	Excluded,	Deceased.	Total.	Asso. Fund.	Colportage and Home Missions	Foreign Missions.	African Missions.	Indian Missions.	Education.
Beulah,	J. B. Jackson,	J. T. Pool,	Leasburg,	4	2	2	..	1	33	2 00	2 00	6 50	....	....	1 00
Clement,	F. M. Jordan,	T. K. Glenn,	Bushy Fork,	6	..	..	..	2	80	2 00	....	7 25	....	....	....
Cane Creek,	S. Gilmore,	T. S. Cate,	Rock Spring,	12	5	3	1	3	227	3 00	....	6 00	....	....	....
Cool Spring,	F. M. Jordan,	J. A. Forest,	Hillsboro,	4	2	..	..	..	23	2 00	....	....	....	....	....
Ephesus,	N. W. Wilson,	O. Faulkner,	Cunningham's Store,	23	2	5	3	2	167	3 00	9 00	....	....	....	....
Elm Grove,	J. Roberson,	S. A. Powell,	Summerfield,	..	..	4	1	2		2 50	....	....	....	....	....
Friendship,	J. Roberson,	J. Ferguson,	Wilson's Store,	4	.	3	1	..	48	1 25	....	....	....	....	....
Greensboro,	J. Mitchell,	P. H. Bilbro,	Greensboro,	7	2	1	..	..	23	1 00	....	....	....	....	....
Good Will,	R. Gourley,	R. Jones,	Salem,	1	1	2	1	1	38	2 00	....	....	....	....	....
Hogan's Creek,	S. Ivey,	W. Johnson,	Reidsville,	..	1	2	..	2	49	2 50	5 25	5 25	....	....	....
Hillsboro,	J. Mitchell,	H. C. Strowd,	Hillsboro,	18	3	..	3	..	78	2 00	....	5 00	....	....	....
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Kerr's Chapel,	S. Ivey,	T. W. Graves,	Yanceyville,	3	..	..	..	..	20	2 00	....	....	....	....	....
Leaksville,	W. M. Ferguson,	C. G. Jones,	Leaksville,	21	4	5	2	..	105	2 00	6 70	....	....	....	....
Madison,	S. Ivey,	A. Vernon,	Madison,	12	2	2	3	..	164	3 15	2 50	2 25	....	....	....
Mars Hill,	F. M. Jordan,	W. J. Ward,	Hillsboro',	2	..	..	..	1	41	1 50	....	4 68	....	....	....
Mayfield,		G. S. DeJarnett,	Mayfield,	..	..	..	..	1	11	....	....	....	....	....	....
Milton,	J. B. Jackson,	G. W. Thompson,	Milton,	24	2	11	..	..	..	3 00	11 89	11 89	....	....	....
Mill Creek,	J. E. Montague,	J. W. Hunt,	Roxboro',	18	2	8	1	1	113	3 00	....	....	....	....	....
Mt. Airy,	F. H. Jones,	J. Whitlock,	Mt. Airy,	19	4	..	..	..	36	2 25	....	....	....	....	....
Mt. Hermon,	J. Howell,	A. C. Hunter,	University Station,	9	..	..	1	4	90	2 00	8 25	....	....	....	....
Mt. Olive,		A. Boyles,	Little Yadkin,	1	..	1	2	..	39	1 50	....	....	....	....	....
Trinity,	S. G. Mason,	W. Slade,	Lennox Castle,	2	1	..	..	..	41	3 00	3 54	3 54	5 00	5 00	....
Town Fork,	J. H. Caudle,	J. Guthrie,	Germanton,	..	3	..	..	..	10	1 00	25	18 00	....	....	....
Yanceyville,	S. G. Mason,	W. B. Graves,	Yanceyville,	3	..	5	..	..	114	3 00	20 00	12 00	....	....	....
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Appendix.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. M. ALLEN, TO BEULAH ASSOCIATION, DR.

To amount received from T. W. Tobey, former Clerk,		$ 3 00
" " received from Finance com., Elm Grove,		403 97
" " collection on Sunday,		14 15
" " received from Ephesus church,		12 00
		$433 12
CR. By amt. paid A. M. Poindexter, for For. Miss.	$201 33	
" " For printing Minutes and Postage,	35 00	
" " Clerk,	15 00	251 33
To balance on hand,		181 79

CONSTITUTION OF THE BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be called the Beulah Baptist As-tion.

2. This Association shall be composed of—first, all the ordained ministers who are members of, or have the pastoral charge of, the churches within this Associational district, who shall be members of the Association *ex-officio*: secondly, not more than three delegates from each church within the district aforesaid, who shall produce letters from the churches certifying their appointment; in which said letters shall be stated the numerical standing of said churches—showing their additions, losses, and changes of membership, since the last annual Association.

3. The Association shall be held at least once a year, at such time and place as they may appoint; and shall be opened and closed with prayer.

4. The officers of the Associatian shall be a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer; the two last offices, however, may be held by the same individual, should such be the pleasure of the Association.

5. The officers aforesaid shall be chosen at each annual session of the Association, by ballot or nomination, as may be the pleasure of a majority of the members; and the Clerk shall be eligible to continue in office until another is appointed; and shall at all times perform the duties of Treasurer, unless another individual be appointed to the latter office.

6. The Association shall have no right to interfere with the inter-

nal regulations of the churches, but may tender them advice, and in case any of them should become corrupt in doctrine or practice, exclude such from their fellowship; and shall also have the power to adopt such measures as may be deemed proper to promote the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom.

7. All committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

8 A committee of Arrangements shall be appointed, of which the Moderator and Clerk shall be members *ex-officio.*

9. It shall be the duty of the committee of Arrangements to prepare the business of the Association, and to consider the expediency or inexpediency of bringing any matter before the Association. The action of the committee, however, in relation to any matter, shall not be conclusive; and any matter or proposition which may be rejected by them, may be brought before the Association by any member thereof who may not concur in that decision.

10. It shall be the duty of the Association to deliberate on the matter prepared by the committee, whether queries or propositions from the churches, or suggestions from the committee, and to make such responses, and to offer such counsel, as may be deemed fit and proper.

11. The Association may invite Baptist ministers (who may be present) to a seat in their body, who shall be admitted to the privileges of counsel and debate only.

12. The power of appointing Presbyteries for the ordination of ministers and the constitution of churches within this district, shall be vested in this Association. And it shall be the duty of the Association at each annual session, to appoint a standing Presbytery, to attend to all requests from the churches relating to these matters, during the succeeding Associational year, and until a new Presbytery be appointed.

13. The Association may have a Board of Managers, to be composed of one member from each church, together with the ordained ministers of the Association, whose duty it shall be to transact all business committed to it by the Association, from one annual meeting to another, and present at each meeting of the Association a faithful report of all its proceedings. It may also recommend in its report, any measures of interest or importance to the consideration of the Association. And after the present year, lay members of the said Board shall be appointed by the Association, upon the nomination of their respective churches, provided the churches choose to exercise such right; but in default of such nomination by the churches, the Association shall have power to fill the Board without such nominations. And seven members shall constitute a quorum of said Board, and the officers of the Board shall be such as it may choose to appoint; and it shall also have power to regulate the time and place of its own meetings.

14. The Constitution may be altered or amended, at the annual meetings of the Association, by a vote of two-thirds of the whole body.

RULES OF ORDER AND DECORUM.

1. The Moderator shall take the chair every day during the session, at the hour appointed at the adjournment, and call the members to order, and on the appearance of a quorum, cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read.

2. He shall preserve decorum, and order, shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Association by any member.

3. He shall rise to put a question, but may state it sitting. He shall have the right to call any member to perform the duties of the chair temporarily.

4. The Moderator shall not vote on any question, unless the Association be equally divided.

5. He shall not speak in debate while occupying the chair, but may call another to the chair, and then he shall have the privilege of speaking in common with any other member.

6. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Association, he shall rise from his seat and address himself to the Moderator.

7. When two or more members rise at the same time, the Moderator shall name the member to speak first.

8. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question, without leave of the Association.

9. No member shall absent himself, finally, from the Association without leave.

10. Decency of speech shall be observed, and personal reflections avoided.

11. Whilst the Moderator is putting any question, or addressing the Association, no person shall speak, stand up, or walk out or across the house; nor when a member is speaking, entertain private discourses, stand up, or pass between him and the Moderator.

12. When a question is under debate, no motion, shall be received, but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to a day certain, to commit or amend—which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand arranged.

13. All committees shall consist of three members, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

14. A select committee shall be appointed on the first day of the Association, to select the ministers who are to preach on Saturday, and the succeeding days of the meeting, and give notice thereof to the respective ministers, whose duty it shall be to conform to the arrangments thus made.

15. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be put by the Moderator, unless withdrawn by the mover.

16. No standing rule shall be rescinded, altered, or suspended, unless by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

17. The Constitution and Rules of Order and Decorum shall be read on saturday of each session of this Association.

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MINUTES

OF THE

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OF THE

Beulah Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

HILLSBOROUGH, N. C.,

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Officers of the Association.

Elder S. G. MASON, - - - - *Moderator.*
Elder L. H. SHUCK, - - - - *Clerk.*
H. C. STROWD, - - - - - - *Assistant Clerk.*

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Azariah Graves,
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J. M. Lindsay,
T. I. Robertson.

Proceedings.

HILLSBOROUGH, N. C., Aug. 10th, 1860.

The Beulah Baptist Association met in its 27th annual session with the Baptist church at this place. The introductory sermon was delivered, according to appointment, by Elder S. G. Mason from Phil. ii. 16—"Holding forth the word of life."

After a recess the Association was called to order by one of the former clerks, and opened by singing and prayer by bro. G. S. Jones.

The Association then proceeded to the election of officers, when Elder S. G. Mason was unanimously elected Moderator; Elder L. H. Shuck, Clerk; and bro. H. C. Strowd, Assistant Clerk.

On motion, a committee on Religious Exercises was appointed, consisting of Elder John Mitchell, H. C. Strowd, and John Cheek.

The Clerk then proceeded to call the roll of churches, which exhibited the following delegation, viz:

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.
Beulah,	John T. Pool.
Clement,	Wm. A. Bradsher, Joseph Coleman.
Cane Ceeek,	T. D. Oldham, Wiatt Cates, Wm. P. Oldham.
Cool Spring,	Redding Cape.
Elm Grove,	Isaac Oaks, S. A. Parrish, H. Pinckney Oliver.
Ephesus,	J. I. Marable, T. J. Falkner, Solomon Smith.
Friendship,	Letter.
Greensboro,	P. H. Bilbro, R. C. Bailey.
Good Will,	Elder R. Gourley.
Hillsboro,	Elder J. Mitchell, H. C. Strowd, John Cheek.
Kerr's Chapel,	S. E. Williams.
Leaksville,	Letter.
Madison,	John Pool, J. J. Heggie.
Mar's Hill,	John Redding, S. Holman, Wm. Ward.
Milton,	N. V. B. Powell.
Mt. Airy,	Letter.
Mt. Hermon,	A. C. Hunter, B. Whitaker, John Hall.
Red Bank,	Elder J. H. Caudle, E. W. Marshall.
Trinity,	P. H. Neal, Wm. M. Howard.
Yanceyville,	James Poteat, Gen. Wm. Lea.

Ministers present, *Ex-officio* members of the Association—S. G. Mason, John Mitchell, L. H. Shuck, F. M. Jordan, R. Gourley, J. H. Caudle.

The clerk then proceeded to read the letters from the churches. Letters were read from *two* recently constituted churches at Summerfield, Guilford co., and Providence, Person co., asking admission into this Association. On motion, they were admitted as constituent members of this body, and the right hand of welcome was extended to the delegates by the Moderator.

On motion, the letters from the churches were referred to a committee consisting of Elders J. Mitchell, L. H. Shuck and brother H. C. Strowd for consideration, and to report on such matters as may require the further consideration of this Association.

On motion, corresponding delegates from sister Associations were invited to take seats with us. Brother J. L. Stewart from the Sandy Creek, and Elder J. J. James from the Raleigh Association, appeared, and were welcomed by the Moderator.

On motion, visiting ministering brethren were invited to take seats with us, and participate in our deliberations.

Elders George Whitfield and Theodore Whitfield, from the Central Association of Mississippi; Elder J. S. Walthall from the Union Association; Elder B. F. Marable, Cor. Sec. of N. C. Baptist State Convention; Elder G. W. Samson, D. D., President of Columbian College, Washington, D. C., from the Maryland Union Baptist Association; Elder W. M. Wingate, President of Wake Forest College, and brethren G. S. Jones and E. A. Poe from the Tar River Association; Elder M. T. Sumner, Cor. Sec. of the Domestic and Indian Mission Board; bro. F. H. Ivey, from Cedar Creek Association; and Elder N. B. Cobb from the Pamlico Association, appeared and accepted the invitation.

The Moderator then appointed the standing committees:

On Arrangements—T. D. Oldham, L. H. Shuck, Jas. Poteat.

Finance—Wm. Lea, J. S. Watson, P. H. Neal.

Sabbath Schools—W. M. Falkner, John Poteat, W. A. Bradsher.

Publications—Dr. S. A. Powell, P. H. Bilbro, A. C. Hunter.

Temperance—J. H. Caudle, P. Oliver, N. V. B. Powell.

On the objects of the Baptist State Convention—John Mitchell, B. F. Marable, James Poteat.

On motion, adjourned to meet on Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder T. Whitfield.

SATURDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, Aug. 11th.

The Association met. Religious exercises by Elder Geo. Whitfield.

On motion, the vote receiving the Providence church, was re-considered, and their application referred for consideration to a committee consisting of Elders J. J. James, J. S. Walthall and F. M. Jordan.

The committee of Arrangements offered their report which was received.

On motion, corresponding delegates to sister Associations were appointed.

To Flat River Association—J. E. Montague, N. V. Powell.

To Dan River Association—S. G. Mason, N. V. B. Powell, J. Poteat, G. W. Thompson.

To Roanoke Association—S. G. Mason, J. E. Montague, T. C. Dodson.

To Liberty Association—J. B. Jackson, I. Oaks, R. Gourley, John Robertson.

To Sandy Creek—J. Mitchell, T. D. Oldham, Wyatt Cates, T. J. Cates.

To the Yadkin—R. Gourley, I. Oaks, J. H. Caudle.

To the Blue Ridge, (Va.)—L. H. Shuck.

To the Taylorsville—J. H. Caudle.

On motion, corresponding delegates were called upon to report. Elders L. H. Shuck and R. Gourley reported attendance at the Liberty Association. Bro. T. D. Oldham attended the Sandy Creek Association, and Elder John Robertson attended the Yadkin.

On motion, a special committee, consisting of Elders J. Mitchell, L. H. Shuck and S. G. Mason were appointed on our Associational Missions.

The committee on the objects of the Baptist State Convention offered the following report, which was received:

REPORT.

The committee on the objects of our Baptist State Convention, beg leave to submit as their report, a circular prepared by the late Secretary of the Convention.

The Baptist State Convention invites your co-operation and assistance in the high and holy work of Missions. The State Convention is an annual meeting of Baptists for Missionary purposes. It is designed for this great object, that is, that the Baptist churches of N. C. may work together in spreading the gospel. Each church is a Missionary body. The true question then is, not whether your church will do anything, but whether you will act alone or in concert with your brethren throughout the State. If you desire to join your forces with others, the Convention presents the best organization for this purpose. Its objects are four, viz:

1. Colportage.

This is a work for our own homes. It is the Gospel taking possession of the printing press, and bending it to the service of God, compelling the most powerful agency known to man, to become a means of salvation.—Every lover of Christ loves Colportage, when he comes to know and understand it.

2. State Missions.

Many parts of our beloved State are neglected by other Missionary bodies, and are appealing to the Convention for help. Here is a great work, that the Convention only can perform. It is beyond the reach of Associations and churches.

3. Foreign Missions.

Our fields of foreign labor are ripe to the harvest, and new ones are opening. It is expected that other brethren, besides Bro. Yates, will leave our good State, to labor in foreign fields. Let us be ready to support him and all who may go. Let North Carolina send continual greeting to the heathen.

4. Ministerial Education.

Churches are calling for preachers. Associations, and the whole State are calling for men to preach the word. If God has called one to preach, he ought to preach anyhow, but it is known that many are kept back, in this age, by want of education. Your own sons and your neighbors' children, are in many cases called to preach. Let them be educated. If licensed by their churches, the Convention proposes to aid such as need assistance, in obtaining an education. We want every young minister in the State, to have the advantage of a course of study at our College. In view of the importance of these objects, therefore

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend to the Pastors of the churches in this Association to present and explain these objects to their respective churches, and do what they can for raising funds for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN MITCHELL, Chm'n.

The committee, to whom was referred the application of the Providence church, offered the following report:

The committee think that there were irregularities in constituting said church, in at least two particulars: *First*, In the action of the two presbyters in constituting the church out of persons baptized by one of those presbyters on his own responsibility as a Baptist minister, without the concurrence of any existing church in conference or by delegates. *Second*, In the disregard of the *twelfth* Article of the Constitution of the Association, the Presbytery not being the one appointed by the Association for constituting churches within her bounds. Whether the general usage of Baptists, and whether the plan of the Association expressed in the 12th Art. are scriptural or unscriptural, it is not for your committee to say in this report. We only say that the organization of Providence church is, in our view, not in accordance with principles and usages hitherto adopted and practiced by this Association. If they are not discarded and reversed by the positive action of the Association, your committee think they will necessarily remain as the principles and rules for the guidance of all ministers and churches of the Association. On a full view of the facts as detailed to us, but which we cannot here state, we think the irregularities need not necessarily vitiate the action of the Presbytery, nor prevent the Association from receiving the church into membership.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. JAMES, Chm'n.

The Providence church was then, on motion, received into the Association.

The Executive Committee presented their Annual Report, which was received. They had appointed Elder Silas Livermore as their Missionary, who labored four months and resigned to take charge of the school at East Bend.

On motion, Bro. John M. Lindsay was appointed a Trustee of the Beulah Male Institute in place of Elder S. Ivey.

On motion, the Warren Legacy was referred for consideration, to a committee consisting of Elders Mitchell and Mason.

On motion, adjourned. Prayer by Elder Wingate.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 3 1-2 O'CLOCK.

The Association met. Prayer by Elder Skinner.

On motion, the Association determined to hold its next annual session with the church at Friendship, Stokes county, N. C.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended, to allow Elder M. T. Sumner to present before the Association the claims of the Domestic and Indian Mission Board, located at Marion, Ala. After his address, a collection was taken, which amounted in cash and subscriptions to $126.61.

The Committee on Associational Missions offered the following report:

Your committee offer as their report the following resolutions:

Resolved 1. That this Association proceed to the election of a Board of Managers consisting of seven members, who shall attend to supplying the destitute sections in our limits with missionaries and colporters.

2. That the Board be requested to employ energetic and pious missionaries to labor within our bounds.

3. That the Board be requested to meet at least four times a year at such places as they may think proper.

4. That the churches be requested to send up contributions for this special object either to the Board of Managers or to the next Association.

5. That the Board be authorized to receive and disburse the funds.

Respectfully, S. G. MASON, Ch'mn.

Pending the adoption of this report, the Association adjourned. Prayer by Bro. F. H. Ivey.

On the Sabbath the Annual Missionary Sermon was preached by Elder L. H. Shuck, from Psalm lxxii. 19: "Let the whole earth be filled with his glory." The Presbyterian and Methodist, and Baptist pulpits were occupied during the day by Elders Samson, Sumner, Marable, Ivey, Walthall, Cobb and Jordan.

MONDAY MORNING 9 O'CLOCK.

The Association met. Prayer by Bro. Jones.

The report on Associational Missions was again taken up for consideration, and adopted after remarks by Elders Sumner, Samson, Skinner, Marable, Shuck, James, Mitchell, Walthall, Gourley, Wingate, Jordan, and brethren J. D. Wilkerson and S. E. Williams.

On motion, a committee of *three*, consisting of Elders J. Mitchell, L. H. Shuck and F. M. Jordan, was appointed to nominate a Board of Managers.

The committee recommended as suitable persons brethren James Poteat, Chairman, William Lea, T. D. Oldham, Dr. S. A. Powell, John M. Lindsay, Azariah Graves, G. W. Thompson, who were unanimously elected as the Board of Managers of the Beulah Association.

The committee on the Warren Legacy reported, and their report was received.

Wm. Warren, a resident of Person county, had directed that the sum of one thousand dollars be paid by his Executors, at his death, to the Trustees of the Beulah Association. Nine hundred dollars of this amount was in the hands of Obadiah Falkner ready for the Association. It was, therefore, resolved that the amount of nine hundred dollars be paid over to the Trustees of the Association. This amount was paid over by Obadiah Falkner, through W. M. Falkner, to Thomas D. Oldham, one of the Trustees designated to receive the funds, and O. Falkner relieved as Trustee.

Elder F. M. Jordan was appointed to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and Elder S. G. Mason the Missionary Sermon.

The following delegates were appointed to the Baptist State Convention, to be held in the town of Goldsboro' on the 7th of November next: S. G. Mason, R. W. Lawson, Wm. Russell, James Poteat, Calvin Graves, Wm. Lea, S. A. Powell, H. C. Strowd, S. E. Williams, John Mitchell, L. H. Shuck, Joseph Coleman, P. H. Neal, T. D. Oldham, J. M. Lindsay, S. Wilkerson, J. S. Watson, F. M. Jordan, R. Gourley, W.

M. Falkner, John Cheek, P. Oliver, W. A. Bradsher, Joseph Graham, J. H. Caudle, Wm. P. Oldham, Azariah Graves, N. V. B. Powell.

The Committee on Temperance offered the following report:

We regret that Temperance has made such little progress. Intemperance is one of the greatest obstacles that lie in the way of the gospel. In the Western part of this Association, Intemperance prevails to a great extent. But we hope that the gospel will remove that, as we believe nothing else will. We believe a regular reading of the Scriptures, and also preaching against this evil, would do much good. We believe that every Christian ought and will be temperate.

Respectfully submitted, J. H. CAUDLE, Ch'mn.

The Committee on Publications offered the following report:

It is very much to be regretted that our Missionary and Denominational paper, is not more generally circulated and read among our members. This ought not to be. Every Baptist family in the State should take the *Biblical Recorder*, our denominational paper for the State, which has recently been enlarged and otherwise greatly improved; also the "Home & Foreign Journal" and "Commission," Missionary Periodicals, published at Richmond, Va. To accomplish this object, every Baptist should do all in his power to induce heads of families to subscribe for these excellent papers.

Respectfully submitted, N. V. B. POWELL, Ch'mn.

On motion, the account of the Executive Committee was ordered to be paid—amount $109.35.

On motion, Bro. T. D. Oldham was directed to invest the Warren Legacy in the best manner possible, and the proceeds were directed to be applied annually to aid in sending the gospel to the destitute.

Committee on the Letters of the Churches submitted the following report:

Number of churches represented,	21
Number received by baptism as reported,	116
" " " Letter,	41
" Dismissed by Letter,	67
" Excluded,	11
" Deceased,	19
Two new churches constituted of	47

Four churches not represented.

The committee also recommend to the Association to grant the petition of the Mt. Airy church to withdraw from this body, to unite with the Yadkin Association. Respectfully submitted,

JOHN MITCHELL, Chm'n.

On motion, the Mt. Airy church was allowed to withdraw from this Association.

The following resolution was offered, and after remarks from Elder S. G. Mason touching the enterprise, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Association has heard with pleasure of the establishment of a Baptist Female School of high order at Yanceyville, N. C., and that we earnestly recommend it to the liberal patronage of the brethren generally of this Association.

On motion, the Clerk was directed to have eight hundred copies of the Minutes published, and to distribute them among the churches.

Ordered, that the Clerks be paid fifteen dollars.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be, and are hereby tendered to the brethren and friends of Hillsborough and vicinity, for the very hospitable manner in which we have been received and entertained during the session of the Association.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due, and are hereby tendered to the Presbyterian and Methodist churches, for the use of their houses of worship.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet with the church at Friendship, Stokes county, on Friday before the 2nd Sabbath in August, 1861.

Prayer by Elder James.

S. G. MASON, MOD'R.

L. H. SHUCK, *Clerk*.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

R. C. Bayly, Walkerstown, N. C.
J. H. Caudle, Little Yadkin, "
C. Duncan, Madison, "
W. M. Ferguson, Cascade, Va.
S. Gilmore, Oakland, N. C.
R. Gourley, Summerfield, "
Jesse Howell, Grove, "
J. B. Jackson, Thomasville, "
F. M. Jordan, Hillsboro', "
S. G. Mason, Yanceyville, N. C.
John Mitchell, Hillsboro', "
J. E. Montague, Blue Wing, "
W. E. Oakley,
M. W. Reid, Milton, "
L. H. Shuck, Madison, "
L. Terrell, Francisco, "
John Robertson, Mt. Airy, "
N. W. Wilson, Bloomsburg, Va.

LICENSED MINISTERS.

A. H. Barnes, Leaksville, N. C.
T. C. Lewis, Mt. Airy, N. C.
J. S. Watson, Hillsboro', N. C.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by letter.	Dis'd by letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	Asso. Fund.	Home Missions and Colportage.	For. Missions.	Education.
Beulah,	J. B. Jackson,	J. T. Pool,	Leasburg,	....	2	2	..	..	31	$2 00	$15 50	$8 50	$11 25
Cane Creek,	S. A. Gillmore,	T. S. Cates,	Rock Spring,	13	2	11	1	3	228	3 00	7 95		
Clement,	F. M. Jordan,	T. K. Glenn,	Bushy Fork,	1	1	2	1	..	81	2 05	....	3 00	
Cool Spring,	F. M Jordan,	J. A. Forest,	Hillsboro,	3	..	..	..	1	26	1 00			
Elm Grove,	J. Robertson,	J. Deans,	Summerfield,	....	5	23	2	1	41	1 55	3 00		
Ephesus,	N. W. Wilson,	O. Falkner,	Cunningham's Store,	37	2	..	..	..	202	4 00			
Friendship,	J. Robertson,	J. Ferguson,	Wilson's Store,	3	2	1	..	..	52	1 80			
Greensboro,	J. Mitchell,	P. H. Bilbro,	Greensboro',	15	5	1	1	1	39	2 00			
Good Will,	R. Gourley,	R. Jones,	Oak Ridge,	....	..	2	..	2	34	1 20			
Hogan's Creek,	J. Robertson,												
Hillsborough,	J. Mitchell,	H. C. Strowd,	Hillsboro',	5	6	1	1	1	84	2 00	22 20		
Judson,													
Kerr's Chapel,	F. M. Jordan,	T. W. Graves,	Yanceyville,	....	..	..	..	..	20	2 00			
Leaksville,	W. M. Ferguson,	C. G. Jones,	Leaksville,	1	1	..	1	..	106				
Madison,	L. H. Shuck,	J. A. Vernon,	Madison,	7	3	5	1	4	161	4 00	18 75	11 25	
Mar's Hill,	F. M. Jordan,	Wm. Ward,	Hillsboro',	1	..	2	..	..	41	1 50	1 50		
Mayfield,													
Mill Creek,	J. E. Montague,	J. W. Hunt,	Roxboro,	7	..	14	..	2	105	2 00			
Milton,	M. W. Read,	G. W. Thompson,	Milton,	....	..	..	..	..	115	4 00	25 00		
Mt. Hermon,	Jesse Howell,	A. C, Hunter,	University Station,	11	1	..	..	..	100	2 00	8 00		
Mt. Olive,													
*Providence,	W. E. Oakley,	G. W. Nelson,	....	....	..	..	..	..	26	3 00			
Red Bank,	J. H. Candle,	J. Guthrie,	Germanton,	....	3	..	..	..	13	1 00	5 00	16 00	
*Summerfield,	L. H. Shuck,	S. A. Powell,	Summerfield,	....	3	..	..	..	21	2 00			
Trinity,	S. G. Mason,	Wm. Slade,	Lennox Castle,	9	5	..	..	..	53	3 00	25 00	15 00	9 00
Yanceyville,	S. G. Mason,	J. Poteat,	Yanceyville,	2	..	3	3	4	101	3 50			
				116	41	67	11	19	1787	$18 60	$131 90	$53 75	$20 25

*Recently constitu'd

Appendix.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

L. H. Shuck, to Beulah Association, Dr.

To amount received from Finance Com., Hillsboro,		$255 25
Cr. By amount paid Exec. Com.,	$109 35	
Printing Minutes and postage,	35 50	
Paid Clerks,	15 00	159 85
Balance on hand,		$ 95 40

CONSTITUTION OF THE BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Article 1. This Association shall be called the Beulah Baptist Association.

2. This Association shall be composed of—first, all the ordained ministers who are members of, or have the pastoral charge of, the churches within this Associational district, who shall be members of the Association *ex-officio*; secondly, not more than three delegates from each church within the district aforesaid, who shall produce letters from the churches certifying their appointment; in which said letters shall be stated the numerical standing of said churches—showing their additions, losses, and changes of membership, since the last annual Association.

3. The Association shall be held at least once a year, at such time and place as they may appoint; and shall be opened and closed with prayer.

4. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer; the two last offices, however, may be held by the same individual, should such be the pleasure of the Asssociation.

5. The officers aforesaid shall be chosen at each annual session of the Association, by ballot or nomination, as may be the pleasure of a majority of the members; and the Clerk shall be eligible to continue in office until another is appoint-

ed; and shall at all times perform the duties of Treasurer, unless another individual be appointed to the latter office.

6. The Association shall have no right to interfere with the internal regulations of the churches, but may tender them advice, and in case any of them should become corrupt in doctrine or practice, exclude such from their fellowship; and shall also have the power to adopt such measures as may be deemed proper to promote the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom.

7. All committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

8. A committee of Arrangements shall be appointed, of which the Moderator and Clerk shall be members *ex-officio.*

9. It shall be the duty of the committee of Arrangements to prepare the business of the Association, and to consider the expediency or inexpediency of bringing any matter before the Association. The action of the committee, however, in relation to any matter, shall not be conclusive; and any matter or proposition which may be rejected by them, may be brought before the Association by any member thereof who may not concur in that decision.

10. It shall be the duty of the Association to deliberate on the matter prepared by the committee, whether queries or propositions from the churches, or suggestions from the committee, and to make such responses, and to offer such counsel, as may be deemed fit and proper.

11. The Association may invite Baptist ministers (who may be present) to a seat in their body, who shall be admitted to the privileges of counsel and debate only.

12. The power of appointing Presbyteries for the ordination of ministers and the constitution of churches within this district, shall be vested in this Association. And it shall be the duty of the Association at each annual session, to appoint a standing Presbytery, to attend to all requests from the churches relating to these matters, during the succeeding Associational year, and until a new Presbytery be appointed.

13. The Association may have a Board of Managers, to be composed of one member from each church, together with the ordained ministers of the Association, whose duty it shall be to transact all business committed to it by the Association, from one annual meeting to another, and present at each meeting of the Association a faithful report of all its proceedings. It may also recommend in its report, any measures of interest or importance to the consideration of the Association.

And after the present year, lay members of the said Board shall be appointed by the Association, upon the nomination of their respective churches, provided the churches choose to exercise such right; but in default of such nomination by the churches, the Association shall have power to fill the Board without such nominations. And seven members shall constitute a quorum of said Board, and the officers of the Board shall be such as it may choose to appoint; and it shall also have power to regulate the time and place of its own meetings.

14. The Constitution may be altered or amended, at the annual meeting of the Association, by a vote of two-thirds of the whole body.

RULES OF ORDER AND DECORUM.

1. The Moderator shall take the chair every day during the session, at the hour appointed at the adjournment, and call the members to order, and on the appearance of a quorum, cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read.

2. He shall preserve decorum, and order, shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Association by any member.

3. He shall rise to put a question, but may state it sitting. He shall have the right to call any member to perform the duties of the chair temporarily.

4. The Moderator shall not vote on any question, unless the Association be equally divided.

5. He shall not speak in debate while occupying the chair but may call another to the chair, and then he shall have the privilege of speaking in common with any other member.

6. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Association, he shall rise from his seat and address himself to the Moderator.

7. When two or more members rise at the same time, the Moderator shall name the member to speak first.

8. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question, without leave of the Association.

9. No member shall absent himself, finally, from the Association without leave.

10. Decency of speech shall be observed, and personal reflections avoided.

11. Whilst the Moderator is putting any question, or addressing the Association, no person shall speak, stand up, or

walk out or across the house; nor when a member is speaking, entertain private discourses, stand up, or pass between him and the Moderator.

12 When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to a day certain, to commit or amend—which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand arranged.

13. All committees shall consist of three members, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

14. A select committee shall be appointed on the first day of the Association, to select the ministers who are to preach on Saturday, and the succeeding days of the meeting, and give notice thereof to the respective ministers, whose duty it shall be to conform to the arrangements thus made.

15. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be put by the Moderator, unless withdrawn by the mover.

16. No standing rule shall be rescinded, altered, or suspended, unless by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

17. The Constitution and Rules of Order and Decorum shall be read on Saturday of each session of this Association.

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MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

FRIENDSHIP, STOKES COUNTY, N. C.,

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ELDER S. G. MASON,	*Moderator.*
ELDER L. H. SHUCK,	*Clerk.*
T. SLADE,	*Assistant Clerk.*

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John M. Lindsay,
T. D. Oldham.

TRUSTEES OF BEULAH MALE INSTITUTE.

MILTON STAMPS, *President of Board.*

A. P. Smith,
Samuel Moore,
Pleasant Webster.
J. S. Wall,
J. M. Lindsay,
T. I. Robertson.

Proceedings.

Friday, August 9th, 1861.

The Beulah Baptist Association met in its 28th annual session with the Friendship Baptist church, Stokes county, N. C. The introductory sermon was delivered according to appointment, by Elder F. M. Jordan, from 1 Cor. xv. 58—"Therefore, my brethren, be ye steadfast," &c. After a recess, the Association was called to order by the former Moderator, and opened by singing and prayer by Elder D. G. Taylor.

Elder S. G. Mason was re-elected Moderator. Elder L. H Shuck re-elected Clerk, and Bro. Thomas Slade Assistant Clerk.

On motion, a committee on Religious Exercises was appointed consisting of Elder J. Robertson, W. J. Moore, Robert Moore.

The Clerk proceeded to call the roll of the churches, which exhibited the following delegation, viz:

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.
Beulah,	T. A. Wilson, Joseph Moore.
Clement,	Letter.
Cane Creek,	J. Tripp, Wiatt Cates.
Elm Grove,	E. H. Oaks, Pinckney Oliver, J. E. Oaks
Ephesus,	Letter.
Friendship,	W. J. Moore, R. A. Moore, J. Ferguson.
Greensboro,	Jerome Ingold.
Good Will,	Elder J. Robertson.
Hillsboro,	Elder John Mitchell
Kerr's Chapel,	Letter.
Leaksville,	Elder A. H. Barnes, J. Covington.
Madison,	Wm. Heggie, P. Webster, Joshua Wall.
Mar's Hill,	Letter.
Mill Creek,	Letter.
Milton,	Joseph Yarbro, Sr., Joseph Yarbro, Jr.
Mt. Hermon,	Letter.
Mt. Olive,	A. Boyle, H. C. Gibson, Alex. Page.
Providence,	Letter.
Red Bank,	W. W. Petree, J. Guthrie, T. J. Valentine.
Summerfield,	H. Barbee, G. W. Brown.
Trinity,	A. Graves, T. Slade, H. W. Bushnell.
Yanceyville,	James Poteat, Wm. Lea.

Ministers present, *ex-officio* members of the Association—S. G. Mason, John Mitchell, L. H. Shuck, F. M. Jordan, J. Robertson, J. H. Caudle, R. Gourley.

To Roanoke, (Va.) Thursday before fourth Sabbath in August—S. G. Mason.

On motion, a committee consisting of J. Mitchell, L. H. Shuck and A. Graves, was appointed to arrange the business of the Association.

On motion, corresponding delegates from sister Associations were invited to take seats with us. Bro. John Teague from the Liberty, Elder D. G. Taylor from the Blue Ridge, and Bro. J. H. Mills from the Flat River, accepted the invitation.

On motion, visiting ministers were invited to take seats with us and participate in our deliberations. Elder A. M. Poindexter, Cor. Sec. of For. Miss. Board, Elder J. D. Hufham, Editor of Biblical Recorder, and Elder F. H. Jones of the Yadkin Association, accepted the invitation.

The Moderator appointed the following standing committees:

Finance—Wm. Lea, W. J. Moore, J. Poteat.

Sabbath Schools—Robert Moore, P. Oliver, J. Ingold.

Publications—J. Mitchell, J. Robertson, R. Gourley.

Temperance—F. M. Jordan, A. H. Barnes, J. Wall.

Objects of Baptist State Convention—J. H. Mills, J. D. Hufham, F. H. Jones.

Adjourned to Saturday 9 1-2 o'clock A. M. Prayer by Elder Hufham.

SATURDAY, 9 1-2 o'clock.

The Association met. Singing and prayer by Elder Mitchell.

Proceedings of yesterday read and approved.

Committee on arrangements reported. Report received.

Clerk read the letters from the churches.

On motion, corresponding delegates to sister Associations were called on to report. Brethren Montague and Powell attended the Flat River; Bro. Jackson attended the Liberty; Brethren Gourley and Oaks the Yadkin, and Bro. Shuck the Blue Ridge. The other brethren appointed failed to attend, and were, on motion, excused.

The following delegates to sister Associations were next appointed:

To Flat River, on Tuesday after the second Sabbath in August—W. A. Bradsher, T. K. Glenn, R. Woody.

To Dan River, (Va.) Tuesday before last Sabbath in July—S. G. Mason, T. A. Wilson, M. W. Reid.

be applied to the purchase of books, tracts, &c., for the soldiers.

To Blue Ridge, (Va.) Friday before fourth Sabbath in July—J. Robertson, S. G. Mason, L. H. Shuck.

To Liberty—Friday before fourth Sabbath in August—R. Gourly, P. Oliver, R. C. Bayly, W. W. Petree.

To Sandy Creek, Friday before first Sabbath in October—F. M. Jordan, Wiatt Cates, J. W. Tripp, J. Mitchell.

To the Yadkin, Friday before first Sabbath in October—J. Robertson, R. Gourley, F. M. Jordan, A. H. Barnes, P. Oliver, J. Mitchell.

The committee on objects of Baptist State Convention offered the following report, which was adopted after remarks by Elders Poindexter, Robertson, Jordan and Hufham:

REPORT.

The committee respectfully submit, that the objects of the Convention are worthy of a more cordial support, than they have heretofore received. The work of Colportage is truly a great and noble work. Many families living in destitute regions seldom hear the Gospel preached, and are dependent on the Colporter for the word of eternal life. Our soldiers, now far from their pious parents, and sin-restraining sisters, need Bibles, books, and tracts to fortify them against the alluring snares with which Satan always surrounds the military camp. The officers of the Convention are doing what they can with their deplorably limited means. May the Lord open the eyes of all our people to the unspeakable importance of immediate efforts in this department of truly christian labor. It is also a source of regret that the Convention has not the means of extending its operations in the department of State Missions. In fact, without a great increase of liberality on the part of our churches, the services of our missionaries will be unavoidably discontinued in the midst of great usefulness. There is also reason to fear we who hear the Gospel preached and enjoy its unbounded benefits, are prone to forget the condition of those who sit in darkness and never hear of the Saviour who died to redeem them. The operations of the Convention in this department are conducted by the Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. The labors of this Board have been characterized by great devotion, efficiency and discretion, and the blessing of the Lord has rested upon them. Our foreign missionaries have accomplished much, and a vast field is before them.—The Convention has made great efforts for the advancement of ministerial education. Wake Forest College has been established and endowed, and now offers all its advantages to young men preparing for the ministry, free of charge for tuition. Many of our most acceptable preachers have been trained for usefulness at this school. It is impossible to over estimate the importance of calling forth and developing the various gifts of our young brethren whom the Lord has commanded to "teach all nations." In conclusion, we sincerely trust that all our ministers will faithfully carry out the excellent resolution on this subject adopted at the last session of this body.

J. H. MILLS, Chairman.

On motion, Elder A. M. Poindexter was requested to preach on to-morrow a special sermon on Colportage in the army and take up a collection, the proceeds of which should

On motion, the privilege of appending advertisements to the Minutes of the Association, was granted to the Faculty of Wake Forest College, to J. H. Mills of the Oxford Female College, to L. H. Shuck of the Beulah Male Institute, to Bro. Reinhart of the Yanceyville Female Seminary, and to any other Baptist Teacher who may desire to do so. On motion, adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M. Prayer by Elder Jordan.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 o'clock.

The Association met. Singing and prayer by Elder Caudle. Elder A. M. Poindexter by permission of the Association, presented the claims of Foreign Missions, and secured for that object in collections $39 66.

The committee on Temperance offered the following report, which was adopted after remarks by Elders Jordan, Bayly and Robertson.

REPORT.

Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved 1. That intemperance is a great evil.

2. That this evil exists to a greater or less extent in the churches.

3. That it is the duty of every christian not to encourage this evil in any way, but to suppress it by every means.

4. That all church members be advised to abstain entirely from the use of ardent spirits as a beverage.

5. That our churches are not sufficiently rigid in their discipline in regard to this evil.

6. That moderate drinking leads to drunkenness. Therefore no man should be a moderate drinker.

7. That ministers and church members should exert themselves more to suppress this great evil.

F. M. JORDAN, Chairman.

The committee on Sabbath Schools offered the following report, which was adopted.

REPORT.

By examining the history of Sabbath Schools and seeing the great good accomplished by them, we are convinced that they rank next to the living ministry in evangelizing the world. Where the officers use their energies to bring all the young in their vicinity under their influence, meet with them regularly, pray with and for them, and instruct them in the words of eternal life, many good impressions will be made that can never be eradicated, and that will tell in eternity both upon the teacher and pupil. In the S. School religious impressions may be given to a large number in every neighborhood that cannot be reached in any other way. Therefore, Resolved, that we recommend every church to have a Sabbath School, and every member as far as practicable, attend regularly, and carry all they can with them to teach or be taught; then study the Scriptures together, and try to edify each other, sing and pray together, and in this way renew our spiritual strength and benefit others that we may all be engaged in building up the Saviour's kingdom and overthrowing the powers of Satan in our midst. ROBT. A. MOORE, Chairman.

The Moderator appointed the following special committees:

On Associational Missions—J. Mitchell, F. M. Jordan, A. Graves.

On a Digest of the Letters—L. H. Shuck, T. Slade, W. J. Moore.

The committee on Periodicals offered the following report. Adopted after remarks by Elders Hufham, Poindexter and Mitchell, and Bro. T. Slade.

REPORT.

Since the last annual session of this Association the Biblical Recorder has passed into the hands of Elder J. D. Hufham, who is now sole Editor and Proprietor Owing to the great crisis through which we are now passing, the Recorder for some time past has not been paying expenses. Many of our Periodicals have suspended, others have appeared greatly reduced in size. We should regret much for the Recorder to be suspended, even temporarily, or to appear reduced in size. Bro. Hufham will continue to publish the Recorder and give himself wholly to the work, provided the receipts of the paper are sufficient to enable him to do it; but he is not able to publish it at a great pecuniary sacrifice; nor do we think it ought to be expected of him. We believe that he is giving general satisfaction; that the paper is eminently worthy, and ought to be liberally sustained. Therefore,

Resolved 1st. That we recommend to our brethren and friends the Biblical Recorder, our Denominational organ, and solicit their patronage.

2nd. That we promise to do what we can to extend its circulation.

3rd. That we also recommend to the patronage of the brethren generally the Home and Foreign Journal published at Richmond, Va., monthly at 25 cents per annum. J. MITCHELL, Chairman.

The Association determined to hold its next session with the Beulah Baptist church in Caswell county. Elder L. H. Shuck to preach the Introductory, and Elder J. Mitchell the Missionary sermon. On motion, adjourned. Prayer by Elder Poindexter.

N. B. Elders F. H. Jones, D. G. Taylor and J. D. Hufham preached at the stand to-day.

On Sabbath Elders Poindexter, Mason and Shuck preached to a large and attentive congregation, and a collection taken up for Colportage in the army amounting to $46. The Presbytery assembled in the afternoon to examine Bro. A. H. Barnes, a licentiate of the Leaksville Baptist church, with reference to his call to the ministry, views of doctrine and religious experience. After consultation, the Presbytery decided to ordain Bro. Barnes to the work of the Gospel ministry.

MONDAY, 9 1-2 o'clock A. M.

The Association met. Singing and prayer by Elder Barnes.

Proceedings of Saturday read and approved.

A statement was made by Bro. Mitchell that the contributions of Hogan's Creek church were received after the last Association had adjourned, and were paid over to the Board of Managers.

The Board of Managers offered the following report, which was adopted.

REPORT.

Soon after our appointment, our chairman called a meeting on Saturday before the 5th Sabbath in September, 1860, for the purpose of carrying out the wishes of the Association, viz: that of meeting four times a year, and employing the number of missionaries that in our opinion would be necessary. Owing to the embarrassing condition of our country, we have had only two missionaries in the field. At the meeting above-named Elder John Robertson was appointed for Stokes county at a salary of $400 per annum with the privilege of acting as Pastor for the Friendship church, that church paying him their regular salary, which was deducted from the $400; and also to act as colporter and solicit funds for the above-named object. On Saturday before the second Sabbath in November, 1860, another meeting was called at which Bro. Robert Gourley was appointed at a salary of $300 per annum. His field was a portion of Caswell, the Southwestern portion of Person, the Northwestern part of Orange, and the Northeastern part of Alamance, embracing a territory in which your Board think there is as much destitution as in any field within the bounds of our Association. Your Board regret that no more for the cause has been done during the present year; and they are satisfied from the exertions that have been made, that our Baptist State Convention ought to control our missionary operations, for the reason that the members of your Board are so much scattered, that a full meeting is never had. We believe, moreover, that if this system is to be continued, your Board ought to be taken from two contiguous churches, which would be more likely to insure prompt attendance at every appointment. Your Board are apprised of the vast amount of territory still unoccupied, and which by a proper self-sacrificing spirit and exertions on our part and the blessing of God, would yield thirty, sixty, yea an hundred fold. The reports of Brethren Robertson and Gourley are herewith appended to this report.

JAMES POTEAT, Chairman.

Elder John Robertson had, since his appointment, travelled 2,225 miles, visited 244 families, preached 122 sermons, baptized 43 persons, and attended several protracted meetings.

Elder Robert Gourley had traveled 1,165 miles, visited 200 families, preached 68 sermons, held prayer meetings with 82 families, and assisted in 19 other prayer-meetings, distributed 1,000 pages of tracts, and disposed of ten dollars' worth of religious books.

Finance committee reported. Report received.

Committee on Associational Missions offered the following report. Adopted.

REPORT.

This Association, it will be remembered, has been for many years attempting the work of Home Missions, but for the want of funds has been much crippled in all its efforts. Although we have had generally not more than one Missionary, yet the churches have not promptly paid the salary of that one. At our last annual meeting, it was agreed to make one more effort to interest the churches in the great work. A new Board of Managers was appointed and requested to employ pious and energetic missionaries to labor within our bounds; and the churches were once more requested to send up contributions either to the Board or to the next annual session of the Association for this object. The Board employed only two missionaries, and they have been laboring only a part of the year, and yet the churches have failed to contribute enough to pay the moderate salary allowed them. The amount of the deficit will be given in the report of the Board of Managers. In view of our present indebtedness, of the oft-repeated failures of the churches to contribute adequately to this object, of the great crisis through which we are now passing, your committee do not think it prudent to incur for the present further liabilities, and would therefore recommend that we appoint no Missionaries for the ensuing year. Your committee also think it advisable to make a radical change in our plan of operations, and would respectfully recommend that we discontinue our Board of Managers, and co-operate in the future with the Board of the Baptist State Convention in the work of State Missions.

JOHN MITCHELL, Chairman.

Committee on Digest of the Letters offered the following report. Adopted.

REPORT.

Number of churches represented,	21
Received by baptism as reported,	200
" " Letter " "	46
Dismissed by Letter,	36
Excluded,	19
Deceased,	6
Restored,	3
Number of Sabbath Schools, 12, scholars and teachers,	410

Four churches not represented.

L. H. SHUCK, Chairman.

On motion, the interest on the Warren fund, was applied to the payment of salary of our missionaries. As the contributions of the churches failed to pay the salary of the missionaries the following pledges were made: Madison church $25. Cane Creek $10. Milton $5. Mt. Olive $5. Leaksville $10. Cool Spring $5. Total $60. On motion, the delegates were requested to lay this matter before their churches.

On motion, Elder Mitchell was directed to write to the Treasurer of W. F. College for the balance of the Warsaw Fund due the Association.

As the members of the Judson church were unable to keep up a regular organization at that place, they were, on motion, requested to unite with other Baptist churches within the bounds of the Association.

The following delegates were appointed to the Baptist State Convention: S. G. Mason, J. Mitchell, F. M. Jordan, L. H. Shuck, R. Gourley. J. H. Caudle, A. H. Barnes, R. C. Bayly, James Poteat, A. Graves, Wm. Lea, T. Slade, H. C. Strowd, P. Oliver, Robt. Moore, G. W. Brown, J. W. Winchester, T. A. Wilson, J. Ingold, W. W. Petree, W. J. Moore, Jos. Yarbro, Sr., Calvin Graves, R. W. Lawson, Wm. Russell, J. M. Lindsay, J. Jordan, W. A. Bradsher, J. Coleman, W. P. Oldham.

On motion, all the ordained ministers of the Association were appointed a standing Presbytery, four of whom shall constitute a quorum.

On motion, the churches were requested to send up to the Association all their candidates for ordination.

On motion, the Clerk was directed to write to the churches to solicit funds for the support of the missionaries.

On motion, the Clerk was directed to have 600 copies of the Minutes printed.

Ordered, that the Clerks be paid fifteen dollars.

Ordered, that the Clerk pay into the hands of the Board of Managers, all funds in his possession for the support of Associational Missions.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be and are hereby tendered to the brethren and friends of this vicinity for the very hospitable manner in which we have been received and entertained during the session of this Association.

Resolved, That this resolution be read at the next regular meeting of the Baptist church at this place.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet with the church at Beulah, Caswell county, on Friday before the 2nd Sabbath in August, 1862. Prayer by Elder Shuck.

Elders R. Gourley, J. Mitchell, and F. M. Jordan preached at the stand to-day.

Bro. A. H. Barnes was ordained to the work of the Gospel ministry immediately after the morning services. Elder Mason delivered the charge, Elder Shuck offered the prayer, Elder Jordan presented the Bible, Elder Mitchell extended right hand of fellowship. Benediction by the candidate.

S. G. MASON, Mod.

L. H. Shuck, Clerk.
T. Slade, Assistant Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS,	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	Baptized.	Re'd by letter.	Dis'd by letter.	Excluded.	Restored.	Deceased.	Total.	Association Fund.	Home Missions.	For. Missions and Colportage.
Beulah,	J. B. Jackson,	J. T. Pool,	Leasburg,	19	4	..	1	..	..	46	$ 2 00	$ 23 75	$ 3 25
Cane Creek,	S. Gilmore,	T. S. Cates,	Rock Spring,	12	7	7	..	..	1	239	3 00	12 00	
Clement,	F. M. Jordan,	T. K. Glenn,	Bushy Fork,	1	..	3	1	..	..	78	2 00	9 30	
Cool Spring,	F. M. Jordan,	J. A. Forest,	Hillsboro,	....	..	..	..	..	..	26			
Elm Grove,	W. N. Hereford,	J. Deans,	Summerfield,	13	..	..	..	..	..	54	1 75	9 33	
Ephesus,	W. R. McDonald,	O. Faulkner,	Cunningham's Store,	8	1	3	..	..	1	206	3 00	6 00	6 00
Friendship,	J. Robertson,	J. Ferguson,	Wilson's Store,	23	6	1	1	1	..	80	2 05	55 00	
Greensboro,	J. Mitchell,	P. H. Bilbro,	Greensboro,	....	4	3	..	..	..	40	2 50	20 50	
Good Will,	J. Robertson,	....	....	....	..	..	2	..	..	29	....	5 55	
Hogan's Creek,	R. Gourley,	....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	......	....	50 00	
Hillsboro',	J. Mitchell,	H. C. Strowd,	Hillsboro,	8	4	2	2	..	..	96	2 00	24 25	
Kerr's Chapel,	F. M. Jordan,	T. W. Graves,	Yanceyville,	....	..	..	..	..	..	20	2 00		
Leaksville,	W. M. Ferguson,	C. G. Jones,	Leaksville,	....	..	..	..	..	..	106			
Madison,	L. H. Shuck,	J. Vernon,	Madison,	9	1	3	1	..	..	169	3 00	5 80	10 00
Mar's Hill,	F. M. Jordan,	W. J. Ward,	Hillsboro,	1	3	2	..	..	1	43	1 50	6 50	
Mayfield,													
Mill Creek,	J. E. Montague,	J. W. Hunt,	Roxboro,	....	..	..	1	1	..	105	2 00		
Milton,	M. W. Read,	G. W. Thompson,	Milton,	30	..	..	..	..	..	140	....	10 00	
Mt. Hermon,	J. Howell,	A. C. Hunter,	University Station,	10	..	..	2	..	..	108	2 00	10 00	
Mt. Olive,	J. H. Candle,	A. A. Boyle,	Little Yadkin,	10	..	..	2	..	..	58	1 00	50	
Providence,	W. E. Oakley,	W. Buchanan,	Berea,	21	2	..	1	..	..	48	2 00		
Red Bank,	Wm. Turner,	T. J. Valentine,	Germanton,	6	8	1	1	..	..	25	1 00	25 00	
Summerfield,	L. H. Shuck,	C. Case, Jr.,	Summerfield,	4	1	..	..	..	..	26	1 75	15 55	
Trinty,	S. G. Mason,	W. Slade,	Locust Hill,	2	..	2	..	1	1	53	3 00	50 65	
Yanceyville,	S. G. Mason,	J. Poteat,	Yanceyville,	22	5	3	4	..	2	114	3 00	53 00	
				199	46	36	19	3	8	1909	$ 40 55	$ 392 68	$ 19 25

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS OF THE BEULAH ASSOCIATION.

NAMES.	POST OFFICES.	
R. C. Bayly,	Germanton,	N. C.
A. H. Barnes,	Madison,	"
J. H. Caudle,	Little Yadkin,	"
C. Duncan,	Madison,	"
R. Gourley,	Summerfield,	"
F. M. Jordan,	Hillsboro,	"
S. G. Mason,	Yanceyville,	"
John Mitchell,	Hillsboro,	"
L. H. Shuck,	Madison,	"
J. Terrell,	Francisco,	"

LICENSED MINISTERS.

Pinckney Oliver,	Little Yadkin,	N. C.

Appendix.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

L. H. Shuck to Beulah Association, Dr.

To amount received from Finance Com. Friendship,		$327 55
Cr.		
By amount paid J. Poteat, Chairman Board of Managers,	$277 55	
Paid Clerks,	15 00	
Printing Minutes, ($5 for Adv.,—both $27)	22 00	
Postage,	8 00	322 55
Balance in hand,		$5 00

CONSTITUTION OF THE BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Article 1. This Association shall be called the Beulah Baptist Association.

2. This Association shall be composed of—first, all the ordained ministers who are members of, or have the pastoral charge of, the churches within this Associational district, who

shall be members of the Association *ex-officio*; secondly, not more than three delegates from each church within the district aforesaid, who shall produce letters from the churches certifying their appointment; in which said letters shall be stated the numerical standing of said churches—showing their additions, losses and changes of membership, since the last annual Association.

3. The Association shall be held at least once a year, at such time and place as they may appoint; and shall be opened and closed with prayer.

4. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer; the two last offices, however, may be held by the same individual, should such be the pleasure of the Association.

5. The officers aforesaid shall be chosen at each annual session of the Association, by ballot or nomination, as may be the pleasure of a majority of the members; and the Clerk shall be eligible to continue in office until another is appointed; and shall at all times perform the duties of Treasurer, unless another individual be appointed to the latter office.

6. The Association shall have no right to interfere pith the internal regulations of the churches, but may tender them advice, and in case any of them should become corrupt in doctrine or practice, exclude such from their fellowship; and shall also have the power to adopt such measures as may be deemed proper to promote the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom.

7. All committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

8. A committee of Arrangements shall be appointed, of which the Moderator and Clerk shall be members *ex-officio*.

9. It shall be the duty of the committee of Arrangements to prepare the business of the Association, and to consider the expediency or inexpediency of bringing any matter before the Association. The action of the committee, however, in relation to any matter, shall not be conclusive; and any matter or proposition which may be rejected by them, may be brought before the Association by any member thereof who may not concur in that decision.

10. It shall be the duty cf the Association to deliberate on the matter prepared by the committee, whether queries or propositions from the churches, or suggestions from the committee, and to make such responses, and to offer such counsel, as may be deemed fit and proper.

11. The Association may invite Baptist ministers (who may be present) to a seat in their body, who shall be admitted to the privileges of counsel and debate only.

12. The power of appointing Presbyteries for the ordination of ministers and the constitution of churches within this district, shall be vested in this Association. And it shall be the duty of the Association at each annual session, to appoint a standing Presbytery, to attend to all requests from the churches relating to these matters, during the succeeding Associational year, and until a new Presbytery be appointed.

13. The Association may have a Board of Managers, to be composed of one member from each church, together with the ordained ministers of the Association, whose duty it shall be to transact all business committed to it by the Association, from one annual meeting to another, and present at each meeting of the Association a faithful report of all its proceedings. It may also recommend in its report, any measures of interest or importance to the consideration of the Association.—And after the present year, lay members of the said Board shall be appointed by the Association, upon the nomination of their respective churches, provided the churches choose to exercise such right; but in default of such nomination by the churches, the Association shall have power to fill the Board without such nominations. And seven members shall constitute a quorum of said Board, and the officers of the Board shall be such as it may choose to appoint; and it shall have also power to regulate the time and place of its own meetings.

14. The Constitution may be altered or amended, at the annual meeting of the Association, by a vote of two-thirds of the whole body.

RULES OF ORDER AND DECORUM.

1. The Moderator shall take the chair every day during the session, at the hour appointed at the adjournment, and call the members to order, and on the appearance of a quorum, cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read.

2. He shall preserve decorum, and order, shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Association by any member.

2. He shall rise to put a question, but may state it sitting. He shall have the right to call any member to perform the duties of the chair temporarily.

4. The Moderator shall not vote on any question, unless the Association be equally divided.

5. He shall not speak in debate while occupying the chair but may call another to the chair, and then he shall have the privilege of speaking in common with any other member.

6. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Association, he shall rise from his seat and address himself to the Moderator.

7. When two or more members rise at the same time, the Moderator shall name the member to speak first.

8. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question, without leave of the Association.

9. No member shall absent himself, finally, from the Association without leave.

10. Decency of speech shall be observed, and personal reflections avoided.

11. Whilst the Moderator is putting any question, or addressing the Association, no person shall speak, stand up, or walk out or across the house; nor when a member is speaking, entertain private discourses, stand up, or pass between him and the Moderator.

12. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to a day certain, to commit or amend—which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand arranged.

13. All committees shall consist af three members, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

14. A select committee shall be appointed on the first day of the Association, to select the ministers who are to preach on Saturday, and the succeeding days of the meeting, and give notice thereof to the respective ministers, whose duty it shall be to conform to the arrangements thus made.

15. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be put by the Moderator, unless withdrawn by the mover.

16. No standing rule shall be rescinded, altered, or suspended, unless by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

17. The Constitution and Rules of Order and Decorum shall be read on Saturday of each session of this Association.

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Board,	50

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Oxford, N. C.

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OF THE

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

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Proceedings.

Friday, August 9th, 1861.

The Beulah Baptist Association met in its 28th annual session with the Friendship Baptist church, Stokes county, N. C. The introductory sermon was delivered according to appointment, by Elder F. M. Jordan, from 1 Cor. xv. 58—"Therefore, my brethren, be ye steadfast," &c. After a recess, the Association was called to order by the former Moderator, and opened by singing and prayer by Elder D. G. Taylor.

Elder S. G. Mason was re-elected Moderator. Elder L. H. Shuck re-elected Clerk, and Bro. Thomas Slade Assistant Clerk.

On motion, a committee on Religious Exercises was appointed consisting of Elder J. Robertson, W. J. Moore, Robert Moore.

The Clerk proceeded to call the roll of the churches, which exhibited the following delegation, viz:

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.
Beulah,	T. A. Wilson, Joseph Moore.
Clement,	Letter.
Cane Creek,	J. Tripp, Wiatt Cates.
Elm Grove,	E. H. Oaks, Pinckney Oliver, J. E. Oaks.
Ephesus,	Letter.
Friendship,	W. J. Moore, R. A. Moore, J. Ferguson.
Greensboro,	Jerome Ingold.
Good Will,	Elder J. Robertson.
Hillsboro,	Elder John Mitchell.
Kerr's Chapel,	Letter.
Leaksville,	Elder A. H. Barnes, J. Covington.
Madison,	Wm. Heggie, P. Webster, Joshua Wall.
Mar's Hill,	Letter.
Mill Creek,	Letter.
Milton,	Joseph Yarbro, Sr., Joseph Yarbro, Jr.
Mt. Hermon,	Letter.
Mt. Olive,	A. Boyle, H. C. Gibson, Alex. Page.
Providence,	Letter.
Red Bank,	W. W. Petree, J. Guthrie, T. J. Valentine.
Summerfield,	H. Barbee, G. W. Brown.
Trinity,	A. Graves, T. Slade, H. W. Bushnell.
Yanceyville,	James Poteat, Wm. Lea.

Ministers present, *ex-officio* members of the Association—S. G. Mason, John Mitchell, L. H. Shuck, F. M. Jordan, J. Robertson, J. H. Caudle, R. Gourley.

To Roanoke, (Va.) Thursday before fourth Sabbath in August—S. G. Mason.

On motion, a committee consisting of J. Mitchell, L. H. Shuck and A. Graves, was appointed to arrange the business of the Association.

On motion, corresponding delegates from sister Associations were invited to take seats with us. Bro. John Teague from the Liberty, Elder D. G. Taylor from the Blue Ridge, and Bro. J. H. Mills from the Flat River, accepted the invitation.

On motion, visiting ministers were invited to take seats with us and participate in our deliberations. Elder A. M. Poindexter, Cor. Sec. of For. Miss. Board, Elder J. D. Hufham, Editor of Biblical Recorder, and Elder F. H. Jones of the Yadkin Association, accepted the invitation.

The Moderator appointed the following standing committees:

Finance—Wm. Lea, W. J. Moore, J. Poteat.

Sabbath Schools—Robert Moore, P. Oliver, J. Ingold.

Publications—J. Mitchell, J. Robertson, R. Gourley.

Temperance—F. M. Jordan, A. H. Barnes, J. Wall.

Objects of Baptist State Convention—J. H. Mills, J. D. Hufham, F. H. Jones.

Adjourned to Saturday 9 1-2 o'clock A. M. Prayer by Elder Hufham.

SATURDAY, 9 1-2 o'clock.

The Association met. Singing and prayer by Elder Mitchell.

Proceedings of yesterday read and approved.

Committee on arrangements reported. Report received.

Clerk read the letters from the churches.

On motion, corresponding delegates to sister Associations were called on to report. Brethren Montague and Powell attended the Flat River; Bro. Jackson attended the Liberty; Brethren Gourley and Oaks the Yadkin, and Bro. Shuck the Blue Ridge. The other brethren appointed failed to attend, and were, on motion, excused.

The following delegates to sister Associations were next appointed:

To Flat River, on Tuesday after the second Sabbath in August—W. A. Bradsher, T. K. Glenn, R. Woody.

To Dan River, (Va.) Tuesday before last Sabbath in July—S. G. Mason, T. A. Wilson, M. W. Reid.

be applied to the purchase of books, tracts, &c., for the soldiers.

To Blue Ridge, (Va.) Friday before fourth Sabbath in July—J. Robertson, S. G. Mason, L. H. Shuck.

To Liberty—Friday before fourth Sabbath in August—R. Gourly, P. Oliver, R. C. Bayly, W. W. Petree.

To Sandy Creek, Friday before first Sabbath in October—F. M. Jordan, Wiatt Cates, J. W. Tripp, J. Mitchell.

To the Yadkin, Friday before first Sabbath in October—J. Robertson, R. Gourley, F. M. Jordan, A. H. Barnes, P. Oliver, J. Mitchell.

The committee on objects of Baptist State Convention offered the following report, which was adopted after remarks by Elders Poindexter, Robertson, Jordan and Hufham:

REPORT.

The committee respectfully submit, that the objects of the Convention are worthy of a more cordial support, than they have heretofore received. The work of Colportage is truly a great and noble work. Many families living in destitute regions seldom hear the Gospel preached, and are dependent on the Colporter for the word of eternal life. Our soldiers, now far from their pious parents, and sin-restraining sisters, need Bibles, books, and tracts to fortify them against the alluring snares with which Satan always surrounds the military camp. The officers of the Convention are doing what they can with their deplorably limited means. May the Lord open the eyes of all our people to the unspeakable importance of immediate efforts in this department of truly christian labor. It is also a source of regret that the Convention has not the means of extending its operations in the department of State Missions. In fact, without a great increase of liberality on the part of our churches, the services of our missionaries will be unavoidably discontinued in the midst of great usefulness. There is also reason to fear we who hear the Gospel preached and enjoy its unbounded benefits, are prone to forget the condition of those who sit in darkness and never hear of the Saviour who died to redeem them. The operations of the Convention in this department are conducted by the Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. The labors of this Board have been characterized by great devotion, efficiency and discretion, and the blessing of the Lord has rested upon them. Our foreign missionaries have accomplished much, and a vast field is before them.—The Convention has made great efforts for the advancement of ministerial education. Wake Forest College has been established and endowed, and now offers all its advantages to young men preparing for the ministry, free of charge for tuition. Many of our most acceptable preachers have been trained for usefulness at this school. It is impossible to over estimate the importance of calling forth and developing the various gifts of our young brethren whom the Lord has commanded to "teach all nations." In conclusion, we sincerely trust that all our ministers will faithfully carry out the excellent resolution on this subject adopted at the last session of this body. J. H. MILLS, Chairman.

On motion, Elder A. M. Poindexter was requested to preach on to-morrow a special sermon on Colportage in the army and take up a collection, the proceeds of which should

On motion, the privilege of appending advertisements to the Minutes of the Association, was granted to the Faculty of Wake Forest College, to J. H. Mills of the Oxford Female College, to L. H. Shuck of the Beulah Male Institute, to Bro. Reinhart of the Yanceyville Female Seminary, and to any other Baptist Teacher who may desire to do so. On motion, adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M. Prayer by Elder Jordan.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 o'clock.

The Association met. Singing and prayer by Elder Caudle.

Elder A. M. Poindexter by permission of the Association, presented the claims of Foreign Missions, and secured for that object in collections $39 66.

The committee on Temperance offered the following report, which was adopted after remarks by Elders Jordan, Bayly and Robertson.

REPORT.

Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved 1. That intemperance is a great evil.

2. That this evil exists to a greater or less extent in the churches.

3. That it is the duty of every christian not to encourage this evil in any way, but to suppress it by every means.

4. That all church members be advised to abstain entirely from the use of ardent spirits as a beverage.

5. That our churches are not sufficiently rigid in their discipline in regard to this evil.

6. That moderate drinking leads to drunkenness. Therefore no man should be a moderate drinker.

7. That ministers and church members should exert themselves more to suppress this great evil.

F. M. JORDAN, Chairman.

The committee on Sabbath Schools offered the following report, which was adopted.

REPORT.

By examining the history of Sabbath Schools and seeing the great good accomplished by them, we are convinced that they rank next to the living ministry in evangelizing the world. Where the officers use their energies to bring all the young in their vicinity under their influence, meet with them regularly, pray with and for them, and instruct them in the words of eternal life, many good impressions will be made that can never be eradicated, and that will tell in eternity both upon the teacher and pupil. In the S. School religious impressions may be given to a large number in every neighborhood that cannot be reached in any other way. Therefore, Resolved, that we recommend every church to have a Sabbath School, and every member as far as practicable, attend regularly, and carry all they can with them to teach or be taught; then study the Scriptures together, and try to edify each other, sing and pray together, and in this way renew our spiritual strength and benefit others that we may all be engaged in building up the Saviour's kingdom and overthrowing the powers of Satan in our midst. ROBT. A. MOORE, Chairman.

The Moderator appointed the following special committees:

On Associational Missions—J. Mitchell, F. M. Jordan, A. Graves.

On a Digest of the Letters—L. H. Shuck, T. Slade, W. J. Moore.

The committee on Periodicals offered the following report. Adopted after remarks by Elders Hufham, Poindexter and Mitchell, and Bro. T. Slade.

REPORT.

Since the last annual session of this Association the Biblical Recorder has passed into the hands of Elder J. D. Hufham, who is now sole Editor and Proprietor Owing to the great crisis through which we are now passing, the Recorder for some time past has not been paying expenses. Many of our Periodicals have suspended, others have appeared greatly reduced in size. We should regret much for the Recorder to be suspended, even temporarily, or to appear reduced in size. Bro. Hufham will continue to publish the Recorder and give himself wholly to the work, provided the receipts of the paper are sufficient to enable him to do it; but he is not able to publish it at a great pecuniary sacrifice; nor do we think it ought to be expected of him. We believe that he is giving general satisfaction; that the paper is eminently worthy, and ought to be liberally sustained. Therefore,

Resolved 1st. That we recommend to our brethren and friends the Biblical Recorder, our Denominational organ, and solicit their patronage.

2nd. That we promise to do what we can to extend its circulation.

3rd. That we also recommend to the patronage of the brethren generally the Home and Foreign Journal published at Richmond, Va., monthly at 25 cents per annum. J. MITCHELL, Chairman.

The Association determined to hold its next session with the Beulah Baptist church in Caswell county. Elder L. H. Shuck to preach the Introductory, and Elder J. Mitchell the Missionary sermon. On motion, adjourned. Prayer by Elder Poindexter.

N. B. Elders F. H. Jones, D. G. Taylor and J. D. Hufham preached at the stand to-day.

On Sabbath Elders Poindexter, Mason and Shuck preached to a large and attentive congregation, and a collection taken up for Colportage in the army amounting to $46. The Presbytery assembled in the afternoon to examine Bro. A. H. Barnes, a licentiate of the Leaksville Baptist church, with reference to his call to the ministry, views of doctrine and religious experience. After consultation, the Presbytery decided to ordain Bro. Barnes to the work of the Gospel ministry.

MONDAY, 9 1-2 o'clock A. M.

The Association met. Singing and prayer by Elder Barnes.

Proceedings of Saturday read and approved.

A statement was made by Bro. Mitchell that the contributions of Hogan's Creek church were received after the last Association had adjourned, and were paid over to the Board of Managers.

The Board of Managers offered the following report, which was adopted.

REPORT.

Soon after our appointment, our chairman called a meeting on Saturday before the 5th Sabbath in September, 1860, for the purpose of carrying out the wishes of the Association, viz: that of meeting four times a year, and employing the number of missionaries that in our opinion would be necessary. Owing to the embarrassing condition of our country, we have had only two missionaries in the field. At the meeting above-named Elder John Robertson was appointed for Stokes county at a salary of $400 per annum with the privilege of acting as Pastor for the Friendship church, that church paying him their regular salary, which was deducted from the $400; and also to act as colporter and solicit funds for the above-named object. On Saturday before the second Sabbath in November, 1860, another meeting was called at which Bro. Robert Gourley was appointed at a salary of $300 per annum. His field was a portion of Caswell, the Southwestern portion of Person, the Northwestern part of Orange, and the Northeastern part of Alamance, embracing a territory in which your Board think there is as much destitution as in any field within the bounds of our Association. Your Board regret that no more for the cause has been done during the present year; and they are satisfied from the exertions that have been made, that our Baptist State Convention ought to control our missionary operations, for the reason that the members of your Board are so much scattered, that a full meeting is never had. We believe, moreover, that if this system is to be continued, your Board ought to be taken from two contiguous churches, which would be more likely to insure prompt attendance at every appointment. Your Board are apprised of the vast amount of territory still unoccupied, and which by a proper self-sacrificing spirit and exertions on our part and the blessing of God, would yield thirty, sixty, yea an hundred fold. The reports of Brethren Robertson and Gourley are herewith appended to this report.

JAMES POTEAT, Chairman.

Elder John Robertson had, since his appointment, travelled 2,225 miles, visited 244 families, preached 122 sermons, baptized 43 persons, and attended several protracted meetings.

Elder Robert Gourley had traveled 1,165 miles, visited 200 families, preached 68 sermons, held prayer meetings with 82 families, and assisted in 19 other prayer-meetings, distributed 1,000 pages of tracts, and disposed of ten dollars' worth of religious books.

Finance committee reported. Report received.

Committee on Associational Missions offered the following report. Adopted.

REPORT.

This Association, it will be remembered, has been for many years attempting the work of Home Missions, but for the want of funds has been much crippled in all its efforts. Although we have had generally not more than one Missionary, yet the churches have not promptly paid the salary of that one. At our last annual meeting, it was agreed to make one more effort to interest the churches in the great work. A new Board of Managers was appointed and requested to employ pious and energetic missionaries to labor within our bounds; and the churches were once more requested to send up contributions either to the Board or to the next annual session of the Association for this object. The Board employed only two missionaries, and they have been laboring only a part of the year, and yet the churches have failed to contribute enough to pay the moderate salary allowed them. The amount of the deficit will be given in the report of the Board of Managers. In view of our present indebtedness, of the oft-repeated failures of the churches to contribute adequately to this object, of the great crisis through which we are now passing, your committee do not think it prudent to incur for the present further liabilities, and would therefore recommend that we appoint no Missionaries for the ensuing year. Your committee also think it advisable to make a radical change in our plan of operations, and would respectfully recommend that we discontinue our Board of Managers, and co-operate in the future with the Board of the Baptist State Convention in the work of State Missions.

JOHN MITCHELL, Chairman.

Committee on Digest of the Letters offered the following report. Adopted.

REPORT.

Number of churches represented,	21
Received by baptism as reported,	200
" " Letter " "	46
Dismissed by Letter,	36
Excluded,	19
Deceased,	6
Restored,	3
Number of Sabbath Schools, 12, scholars and teachers,	410

Four churches not represented.

L. H. SHUCK, Chairman.

On motion, the interest on the Warren fund, was applied to the payment of salary of our missionaries. As the contributions of the churches failed to pay the salary of the missionaries the following pledges were made: Madison church $25. Cane Creek $10. Milton $5. Mt. Olive $5. Leaksville $10. Cool Spring $5. Total $60. On motion, the delegates were requested to lay this matter before their churches.

On motion, Elder Mitchell was directed to write to the Treasurer of W. F. College for the balance of the Warsaw Fund due the Association.

As the members of the Judson church were unable to keep up a regular organization at that place, they were, on motion, requested to unite with other Baptist churches within the bounds of the Association.

The following delegates were appointed to the Baptist State Convention: S. G. Mason, J. Mitchell, F. M. Jordan, L. H. Shuck, R. Gourley. J. H. Caudle, A. H. Barnes, R. C. Bayly, James Poteat, A. Graves, Wm. Lea, T. Slade, H. C. Strowd, P. Oliver, Robt. Moore, G. W. Brown, J. W. Winchester, T. A. Wilson, J. Ingold, W. W. Petree, W. J. Moore, Jos. Yarbro, Sr., Calvin Graves, R. W. Lawson, Wm. Russell, J. M. Lindsay, J. Jordan, W. A. Bradsher, J. Coleman, W. P. Oldham.

On motion, all the ordained ministers of the Association were appointed a standing Presbytery, four of whom shall constitute a quorum.

On motion, the churches were requested to send up to the Association all their candidates for ordination.

On motion, the Clerk was directed to write to the churches to solicit funds for the support of the missionaries.

On motion, the Clerk was directed to have 600 copies of the Minutes printed.

Ordered, that the Clerks be paid fifteen dollars.

Ordered, that the Clerk pay into the hands of the Board of Managers, all funds in his possession for the support of Associational Missions.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be and are hereby tendered to the brethren and friends of this vicinity for the very hospitable manner in which we have been received and entertained during the session of this Association.

Resolved, That this resolution be read at the next regular meeting of the Baptist church at this place.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet with the church at Beulah, Caswell county, on Friday before the 2nd Sabbath in August, 1862. Prayer by Elder Shuck.

Elders R. Gourley, J. Mitchell, and F. M. Jordan preached at the stand to-day.

Bro. A. H. Barnes was ordained to the work of the Gospel ministry immediately after the morning services. Elder Mason delivered the charge, Elder Shuck offered the prayer, Elder Jordan presented the Bible, Elder Mitchell extended right hand of fellowship. Benediction by the candidate.

S. G. MASON, Mod.

L. H. Shuck, Clerk.
T. Slade, Assistant Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS,	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	Baptized.	Re'd by letter.	Dis'd by letter.	Excluded.	Restored.	Deceased.	Total.	Association Fund.	Home Missions.	For. Missions and Colportage.
Beulah,	J. B. Jackson,	J. T. Pool,	Leasburg,	19	4		1			46	$ 2 00	$ 23 75	$ 3 25
Cane Creek,	S. Gilmore,	T. S. Cates,	Rock Spring,	12	7	7			1	239	3 00	12 00	
Clement,	F. M. Jordan,	T. K. Glenn,	Bushy Fork,	1		3	1			78	2 00	9 30	
Cool Spring,	F. M. Jordan,	J. A. Forest,	Hillsboro,							26			
Elm Grove,	W. N. Hereford,	J. Deans,	Summerfield,	13						54	1 75	9 33	
Ephesus,	W. R. McDonald,	O. Faulkner,	Cunningham's Store,	8	1	3			1	204	3 00	6 00	6 00
Friendship,	J. Robertson,	J. Ferguson,	Wilson's Store,	23	6	1	1	1		80	2 05	55 00	
Greensboro,	J. Mitchell,	P. H. Bilbro,	Greensboro,		4	3				40	2 50	20 50	
Good Will,	J. Robertson,						2			29		5 55	
Hogan's Creek,	R. Gourley,											50 00	
Hillsboro',	J. Mitchell,	H. C. Strowd,	Hillsboro,	8	4	2	2			96	2 00	24 25	
Kerr's Chapel,	F. M. Jordan,	T. W. Graves,	Yanceyville,							20	2 00		
Leaksville,	W. M. Ferguson,	C. G. Jones,	Leaksville,							106			
Madison,	L. H. Shuck,	J. Vernon,	Madison,	9	1	3	1			169	8 00	5 80	10 00
Mar's Hill,	F. M. Jordan,	W. J. Ward,	Hillsboro,	1	3	2			1	43	1 50	6 50	
Mayfield,													
Mill Creek,	J. E. Montague,	J. W. Hunt,	Roxboro,				1	1		105	2 00		
Milton,	M. W. Read,	G. W. Thompson,	Milton,	30						140		10 00	
Mt. Hermon,	J. Howell,	A. C. Hunter,	University Station,	10			2			108	2 00	10 00	
Mt. Olive,	J. H. Caudle,	A. A. Boyle,	Little Yadkin,	10			2			58	1 00	50	
Providence,	W. E. Oakley,	W. Buchanan,	Berea,	21	2		1			48	2 00		
Red Bank,	Wm. Turner,	T. J. Valentine,	Germanton,	6	8	1	1			25	1 00	25 00	
Summerfield,	L. H. Shuck,	C. Case, Jr.,	Summerfield,	4	1					26	1 75	15 55	
Trinity,	S. G. Mason,	W. Slade,	Locust Hill,	2		2		1	1	53	3 00	50 65	
Yanceyville,	S. G. Mason,	J. Poteat,	Yanceyville,	22	5	9	4		2	114	3 00	53 00	
				199	46	[illegible]	19	3	6	1969	$ 40 5[illegible]	$ [illegible]	$ 1[illegible] 25

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS OF THE BEULAH ASSOCIATION.

NAMES.	POST OFFICES.	
R. C. Bayly,	Germanton,	N. C.
A. H. Barnes,	Madison,	"
J. H. Caudle,	Little Yadkin,	"
C. Duncan,	Madison,	"
R. Gourley,	Summerfield,	"
F. M. Jordan,	Hillsboro,	"
S. G. Mason,	Yanceyville,	"
John Mitchell,	Hillsboro,	"
L. H. Shuck,	Madison,	"
J. Terrell,	Francisco,	"

LICENSED MINISTERS.

Pinckney Oliver,	Little Yadkin, N. C.

Appendix.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

L. H. Shuck to Beulah Association, Dr.

To amount received from Finance Com. Friendship,		$327 55
Cr.		
By amount paid J. Poteat, Chairman Board of Managers,	$277 55	
Paid Clerks,	15 00	
Printing Minutes, ($5 for Adv.,—both $27)	22 00	
Postage,	8 00	322 55
Balance in hand,		$5 00

CONSTITUTION OF THE BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Article 1. This Association shall be called the Beulah Baptist Association.

2. This Association shall be composed of—first, all the ordained ministers who are members of, or have the pastoral charge of, the churches within this Associational district, who

shall be members of the Association *ex-officio* ; secondly, not more than three delegates from each church within the district aforesaid, who shall produce letters from the churches certifying their appointment ; in which said letters shall be stated the numerical standing of said churches—showing their additions, losses and changes of membership, since the last annual Association.

3. The Association shall be held at least once a year, at such time and place as they may appoint ; and shall be opened and closed with prayer.

4. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer ; the two last offices, however, may be held by the same individual, should such be the pleasure of the Association.

5. The officers aforesaid shall be chosen at each annual session of the Association, by ballot or nomination, as may be the pleasure of a majority of the members ; and the Clerk shall be eligible to continue in office until another is appointed ; and shall at all times perform the duties of Treasurer, unless another individual be appointed to the latter office.

6. The Association shall have no right to interfere pith the internal regulations of the churches, but may tender them advice, and in case any of them should become corrupt in doctrine or practice, exclude such from their fellowship ; and shall also have the power to adopt such measures as may be deemed proper to promote the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom.

7. All committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

8. A committee of Arrangements shall be appointed, of which the Moderator and Clerk shall be members *ex-officio.*

9. It shall be the duty of the committee of Arrangements to prepare the business of the Association, and to consider the expediency or inexpediency of bringing any matter before the Association. The action of the committee, however, in relation to any matter, shall not be conclusive ; and any matter or proposition which may be rejected by them, may be brought before the Association by any member thereof who may not concur in that decision.

10. It shall be the duty of the Association to deliberate on the matter prepared by the committee, whether queries or propositions from the churches, or suggestions from the committee, and to make such responses, and to offer such counsel, as may be deemed fit and proper.

11. The Association may invite Baptist ministers (who may be present) to a seat in their body, who shall be admitted to the privileges of counsel and debate only.

12. The power of appointing Presbyteries for the ordination of ministers and the constitution of churches within this district, shall be vested in this Association. And it shall be the duty of the Association at each annual session, to appoint a standing Presbytery, to attend to all requests from the churches relating to these matters, during the succeeding Associational year, and until a new Presbytery be appointed.

13. The Association may have a Board of Managers, to be composed of one member from each church, together with the ordained ministers of the Association, whose duty it shall be to transact all business committed to it by the Association, from one annual meeting to another, and present at each meeting of the Association a faithful report of all its proceedings. It may also recommend in its report, any measures of interest or importance to the consideration of the Association.—And after the present year, lay members of the said Board shall be appointed by the Association, upon the nomination of their respective churches, provided the churches choose to exercise such right; but in default of such nomination by the churches, the Association shall have power to fill the Board without such nominations. And seven members shall constitute a quorum of said Board, and the officers of the Board shall be such as it may choose to appoint; and it shall have also power to regulate the time and place of its own meetings.

14. The Constitution may be altered or amended, at the annual meeting of the Association, by a vote of two-thirds of the whole body.

RULES OF ORDER AND DECORUM.

1. The Moderator shall take the chair every day during the session, at the hour appointed at the adjournment, and call the members to order, and on the appearance of a quorum, cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read.

2. He shall preserve decorum, and order, shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Association by any member.

2. He shall rise to put a question, but may state it sitting. He shall have the right to call any member to perform the duties of the chair temporarily.

4. The Moderator shall not vote on any question, unless the Association be equally divided.

5. He shall not speak in debate while occupying the chair but may call another to the chair, and then he shall have the privilege of speaking in common with any other member.

6. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Association, he shall rise from his seat and address himself to the Moderator.

7. When two or more members rise at the same time, the Moderator shall name the member to speak first.

8. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question, without leave of the Association.

9. No member shall absent himself, finally, from the Association without leave.

10. Decency of speech shall be observed, and personal reflections avoided.

11. Whilst the Moderator is putting any question, or addressing the Association, no person shall speak, stand up, or walk out or across the house; nor when a member is speaking, entertain private discourses, stand up, or pass between him and the Moderator.

12. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to a day certain, to commit or amend—which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand arranged.

13. All committees shall consist af three members, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

14. A select committee shall be appointed on the first day of the Association, to select the ministers who are to preach on Saturday, and the succeeding days of the meeting, and give notice thereof to the respective ministers, whose duty it shall be to conform to the arrangements thus made.

15. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be put by the Moderator, unless withdrawn by the mover.

16. No standing rule shall be rescinded, altered, or suspended, unless by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

17. The Constitution and Rules of Order and Decorum shall be read on Saturday of each session of this Association.

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Board,	50

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Proceedings.

FRIDAY, August 8th, 1863.

The Beulah Baptist Association met in its 29th annual session with the Beulah Baptist Church, Caswell county, N. C. The Introductory sermon was delivered. according to appointment, by Elder L. H. Shuck, from 2 Cor. v. 18—"The ministry of reconciliation."

After a recess, the Association was called to order by the former Moderator, and opened with singing and prayer by Elder G. W. Griffin.

Elder S. G. Mason was re-elected Moderator. Elder. L. H. Shuck, Clerk, and Brother Thomas Slade Assistant Clerk.

On motion, a committee on Religious Exercises was appointed, consisting of Elder J. B. Jackson, John Pool, Sidney Lea, Lindsay Crawley.

The Clerk proceeded to call the roll of the churches, which exhibited the following delegation, viz:

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.
Beulah	Sidney Lea, T. A. Wilson, J. T. Pool.
Cane Creek	Wiat Cates, J. F. Miner.
Clement	Ruffin Woody.
Cool Spring	Redding Cape.
Elm Grove	P. Oliver, E. H. Oakes.
Ephesus	W. M. Faulkner, T. J. Faulkner.
Friendship	W. J. Moore.
Greensboro'	M. Wagstaff.
Kerr's Chapel	Thomas W. Graves.
Madison	Letter.
Mar's Hill	Letter.
Milton	J. J. Yarbro, J. B. Walters, N. Powell.
Mount Hermon	Letter.
Mount Olive	Letter.
Red Bank	J. Guthrie.
Summerfield	James Baynes.
Trinity	A. Graves, T. Slade, R. W. Lawson.
Yanceyville	Wm. Lea, W. B. Graves, James Peteat.

Good Will, Hogan's Creek, Hillsboro', Leaksville, Mill Creek and Providence not represented.

Ministers present members of the Association: S. G. Mason, F. M. Jordan, L. H. Shuck, J. B. Jackson, R. Gourley, E. Dodson.

On motion, a Committee of Arrangements was appointed consisting of F. M. Jordan, L. H. Shuck, A. Graves.

On motion, corresponding delegates from sister Associations were invited to take seats with us. Elder J. B. Jackson, from the Liberty Association; Elders M. W. Read, W. A. Tyree, C. C. Chaplin, from the Roanoke Association, Va., accepted the invitation.

On motion, visiting ministers were invited to seats. Elder E. E. Blackwell, from the Colorado Association, Texas, and Elder G. W. Griffin, from the Salem Association, Tenn., accepted the invitation.

The Moderator appointed the following standing committees:

Finance—J. Poteat, T. A. Wilson, J. J. Yarbro.

Sabbath Schools—N. Powell, W. J. Moore, Wm. Lea.

Periodicals—J. B. Jackson, W. A. Tyree, M. W. Read.

Temperance—R. Gourley, J. B. Walters, M. Wagstaff.

Baptist State Convention—L. H. Shuck, F. M. Jordan, T. Slade.

Army Colportage—C. C. Chaplin, G. W. Griffin, E. E. Blackwell.

The Clerk then read the letters from the churches, which exhibited the following statistics:

Since last Association—received by baptism 97; by letter 20; dismissed by letter 32; excluded 8; deceased 15; total number in all the churches as far as ascertained, 1,920.

Adjourned to Saturday 10 o'clock, A. M. Prayer by Elder Blackwell.

SATURDAY, 10 o'clock.

The Association met. Singing and prayer by Elder Trawick.

Proceedings of yesterday read and approved.

Elder M. T. Sumner, Corresponding Secretary Domestic

Mission Board of Southern Baptist Convention, Elder J. J. James, from the Raleigh Association, Bro. W. R. Trawick, Agent for Army Colportage, Bro. W. J. Palmer, from the Central Association, appeared, and were invited to seats in the body.

The Committee of Arrangements reported. Report received.

On motion, corresponding delegates to sister Associations were called on to report. Brethren Woody and Bradsher attended the Flat River; Brethren Mason, Wilson and Read attended the Dan River; Bro. Robertson attended the Blue Ridge; Bro. Gourley, the Liberty; Bro. Jordan, the Sandy Creek, and Brethren Barnes, Oliver and Robertson, the Yadkin.

The following delegates to sister Associations were appointed:

Flat River—F. M. Jordan.

Roanoke—S. G. Mason, N. Powell, J. B. Walters, W. B. Graves.

Blue Ridge—R. Gourley, A. H. Barnes, W. J. Moore.

Dan River—S. G. Mason, E. Dodson, N. Powell, W. Kersey.

Liberty—R. Gourley, P. Oliver, E. H. Oakes, T. W. Graves.

Sandy Creek—W. Cates, F. M. Jordan, J. F. Miner, T. D. Oldham.

Yadkin—J. B. Jackson.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools offered the following report, which was adopted after remarks by Brethren Dodson, Read, Powell, Jackson, Chaplin and Sumner.

REPORT.

It is the duty of every one to keep the Sabbath day holy, and one of the best means to aid us in fulfilling this divine requirement is to meet together during its holy hours to instruct or be instructed by each other. The ministry is God's great means of reconciling the world to himself, and nothing will aid in this labor of love more than an efficient Sabbath

School, to teach the young the first principles of piety and strengthen the believer in the grace and knowledge of God. It throws around the young an influence tending to keep them from profaning the Lord's day; give them a habit and often a pleasure in attending the house of God; makes impressions upon their youthful hearts more indelible than at any time; and above all often causes them to gives their hearts and service to their Saviour. It instructs the believer more perfectly in the way of life, and often adds to his reward in eternity. In view of the inestimable benefits which the Sabbath School confers on all who come under its influence, and in view of the languishing prospects of Zion caused by war and its attending evils, we would urge upon every church to organize the Sabbath School, and to render it more interesting that the pastor should frequently cheer it by his presence and counsel.

Furthermore, as none of us imitate too closely the example of Christ, we urge upon every church member to meet and search the Scriptures which testify of him who is the only hope of heaven. N. POWELL, Ch'mn.

The Committee on Periodicals reported recommending the *Biblical Recorder* to the liberal support of the brethren, and offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That we proceed to raise an amount sufficient to send 100 copies of the *Recorder* to the army.

J. B. JACKSON, Ch'mn.

The above report was adopted after interesting addresses by Brethren Jackson, Griffin, Dodson, James and Sumner, and $156 raised to carry out the above resolution.

Adjourned to 2 o'clock. Prayer by Elder Sumner.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 O'CLOCK.

The Association met. Singing and prayer by Elder James.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended to allow Elder M. T. Sumner to present the objects of his mission before the Association.

After quite an interesting address by Elder S. on Army Missions, $505 were raised for that object.

The Committee on Baptist State Convention offered the following report. Adopted.

REPORT.

The Convention has, to a considerable extent, suspended its benevolent operations. The efforts of the N. C. Baptists are principally directed to the aid of Army Colportage, which is resulting in incalculable benefit to the Confederate army.—The Committee hope that the time will soon come when the benevolent operations of the Convention shall be resumed.

L. H. SHUCK, Ch'mn.

On motion, Elder Chaplin and Bro. Trawick were requested to lay before the congregation on Sabbath the claims of Army Colportage, and to take up a collection for that object.

Brethren Jackson, Jordan and Lawson were appointed a committee to nominate five delegates to the Biennial Convention to meet in May next at Columbus, Miss.

The Association determined to hold its next session with the Baptist Church in the town of Madison, Rockingham county. Elder S. G. Mason was recommended by the committee appointed for that purpose, to preach the Introductory sermon.

On motion, adjourned to Monday 10 o'clock. Prayer by Elder Gourley.

N. B.—Elders Griffin, Jordan and Tyree preached at the stand to-day.

On Sabbath Elders Griffin, Sumner and Chaplin preached to large congregations. Immediately after the morning services, Brethren Chaplin and Trawick addressed the congregation in behalf of Army Colportage, and a collection was taken up amounting to $135 35.

MONDAY, 10 O'CLOCK.

The Association met. Singing and prayer by Elder Shuck.

On motion, the order of business was suspended, and Bro. Jordan offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That we consider now the propriety of resuming our missionary operations within the bounds of this Association.

After remarks by Elders Dodson, Jordan, Shuck and Griffin, the whole subject was referred to a committee of five, consisting of A. Graves, James Poteat, R. W. Lawson, Wm. Lea and J. B. Walters, with instructions to report at the afternoon session.

Bro. J. B. Walters, from the committee on Temperance, offered the following report. Adopted.

REPORT.

Intemperance is a great and growing evil. Its tendency is demoralizing in the extreme, reducing men to the level of brutes. Its effects are even seen in the christian church.—All persons who are in the habitual use of ardent spirits are in danger of becoming drunkards. As members of the christian church we should use all our influence against the use of ardent spirits in any way other than medicinally.

R. GOURLEY, Ch'mn.

Elder G. W. Griffin, from the committee on Army Colportage, offered the following report. Adopted.

REPORT.

We are gratified to be able to state that the Baptists of the South greatly appreciate the importance of supplying our army with a literature suited to its best and highest interests. Many hundred thousand pages of tracts adapted to general distribution among our soldiers, have been published and distributed. These publications have been received with great favor, and the demand is increasing. They are distributed by pious soldiers and chaplains, as well as by the colporters laboring in the various encampments. The publication of fifty thousand copies of the New Testament has been secured, and more will soon be at the disposal of the Board.—Hymn books suited to the soldiers have been compiled and published, and now the sweet songs of Zion may be heard on the tented field. Eternity alone will disclose the great good already accomplished by the life-giving pages in circulation. A gratifying change has been produced; christians in camp have been comforted and stimulated to increased effort, and the ungodly are being reclaimed from vice and led to Jesus. Much, however, remains to be done. Nearly eighty thousand Confederate soldiers in Virginia are without a copy of God's word, and there is besides a great want of other religious reading. Soldiers are anxious to obtain something to read, and if they have not religious books, they will resort to reading of a pernicious character. Our brethren should be stimulated to greater efforts to supply these brave defenders of our country with suitable religious books. Many regiments are without chaplains, and shall we leave these noble soldiers exposed to peculiar dangers and temptations, without something to direct them to the blessed Saviour? It is the duty of christians to seek these soldiers and furnish them with the means of grace. Can any christian fail to see the importance of supplying our army with religious influences? The chaplains feel that the Colportage Board should be liberally sustained. Almost every day they appeal for books and tracts. They will tell you that the distribution of tracts and earnest private efforts are among the most efficient ways of benefiting the soldier. Many will read a tract who will not listen to a sermon. Officers and privates frequently apply for books and tracts, thus co-operating with those who labor for the souls of their comrades in arms. If the funds of this Board were sufficient, hundreds of such co-laborers might readily be engaged. Large and liberal contributions are needed to continue the services of colporters and to supply the demand for religious reading. In some instances *irreligious* men have given thousands to this noble object; many have given liberally to furnish the soldiers with food and clothing, and shall they manifest more concern for the bodies of our soldiers, than christians for their souls? Many christians have displayed much self-denial to secure comforts for the army. But is it consistent to give so liberally to temporal, and so sparingly to spiritual wants? Is the body of more worth than the soul? Many of our brethren are in the army. In one regiment there were as many as six hundred Baptists, and more than half of the Baptist ministers in one State are in the service. Shall we who remain forget our brethren who have gone to defend our homes, and who are daily making such sacrifices to secure to us, our fathers, mothers, wives and children religious freedom and constitutional liberty? Shall they want for spiritual food, prayers and contributions?

Christians of the South, rally to the support of Army Colportage. Show your love for souls by heartily sustaining this great work. C. C. CHAPLIN, Ch'mn.

Bro. Poteat from Finance committee, reported. Report received.

On motion, the Clerk was directed to pay over to Brother Trawick all funds in his hands for Army Colportage.

The committee to appoint delegates to the Biennial Con vention recommended S. G. Mason, L. H. Shuck, R. W. Lawson, A. Graves and Calvin Graves. Report received.

The following delegates were appointed to the Baptist State Convention, to meet at Wake Forest College in November next: S. G. Mason, F. M. Jordan, L. H. Shuck, R. Gourley, J. H. Caudle, A. H. Barnes, R. C. Bayly, Jas. Poteat, A. Graves, Wm. Lea, R. W. Lawson, T. Slade, J. B. Walters, N. V. Powell, P. Oliver, W. M. Faulner, J. J. Yarbro and G. W. Thompson.

On motion, five dollars left on hand from last Association, were appropriated to Associational Missions.

On motion, adjourned. Prayer by Elder Jackson.

AFTERNOON, 2 O'CLOCK.

Association met. Singing and prayer by Bro. Oliver.

Bro. Lawson, from the committee to whom was referred the subject of our Associational Missions, recommended that the present indebtedness be paid and a new Missionary be employed, provided sufficient funds can be raised for that object.

The Clerk was directed to give Elder Robert Gourley a check on the Savings' Bank at Hillsboro' for forty-five dollars.

The following pledges were made for the support of a Missionary:

James Poteat, $100; R. W. Lawson, 100; J. B. Walters and J. J. Yarbro, 100 conditionally; L. H. Shuck, 25; A. Graves, 25; Wm. Lea, 25; W. M. Faulkner, (Ephesus, 13; Cane Creek Church, 12; Summerfield, 10; F. M. Jordan, 10; S. G. Mason, 10; J. T. Pool, 10; T. A. Wilson, 5; Greensboro', 5; W. H. Lundsford, 5; total, $455.

A Missionary Board was then appointed, consisting of Jas. Poteat, R. W. Lawson, J. B. Walters, Wm. Lea and L. H. Shuck.

On motion, all the ordained ministers of the Association were appointed a standing Presbytery, four of whom shall constitute a quorum.

Elder Dodson offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That we recommend to the churches to observe the first Saturday in September as a day of fasting and prayer for our country.

Adopted.

Ordered, that the Clerk have 600 copies of Minutes printed.

Ordered, that the Clerks be paid fifteen dollars.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be and are hereby tendered to the brethren and friends of this vicinity for the very hospitable manner in which we have been received and entertained during the session of this Association.

On motion, the Clerk was directed to settle with Brethren Gourley and Robertson for their past services as Missionaries.

After a few well-timed closing remarks by Elder Mason, the Association adjourned to meet in the town of Madison on Friday before the 2nd Sabbath in August, 1863.

Prayer by Elder Jackson.

Elders Jordan and Griffin preached at the stand to-day.

S. G. MASON, *Moderator.*

L. H. SHUCK, *Clerk*,

T. SLADE, *Assistant Clerk.*

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	Baptized.	Re'd by letter.	Dis'd by letter	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	Association Fund.	Home Missions.	Colportage in Army.
Beulah,	J. B. Jackson,	J. T. Pool,	Leasburg,			2			43	$ 2 50		$ 35 75
Cane Creek,	S. Gilmore,	T. S. Cates,	Rock Spring,	15	3			5	249	3 00	10 00	
Clement,	F. M. Jordan,	T. K. Glenn,	Bushy Fork,	1				3	70	2 00	10 00	
Cool Spring,	F. M. Jordan,	J. A. Forest,	Hillsboro',					1	25	1 00		1 00
Elm Grove,	A. H. Barnes,	J. Deans,	Summerfield,	1	1			3	50	1 25	1 60	
Ephesus,	W. R. McDonald,	O. Faulkner,	Cunningham's Store,	1		2	1	4	200	3 00		17 00
Friendship,		J. Ferguson,	Wilson's Store,	17	2	8	1	2	88	2 10		1 90
Greensboro',	J. B. Jackson,	P. H. Bilbro,	Greensboro',	13	6			2	57	2 00		
Good Will,									29			
Hogan's Creek,												
Hillsboro',		H. C. Strowd,	Hillsboro',						96			
Kerr's Chapel,	F. M. Jordan,	T. W. Graves,	Yanceyville,			2		1	17	2 00		
Leaksville,	W. M. Ferguson,	C. G. Jones,	Leaksville,						106			
Madison,	L. H. Shuck,	M. Stamps,	Madison,	9	1	13	1	1	164	2 45	25 00	20 00
Mar's Hill,	F. M. Jordan,	W. J. Ward,	Hillsboro',	1				1	43	1 50		5 00
Mayfield,												
Mill Creek,	J. E. Montague,	J. W. Hunt,	Roxboro',						105			
Milton,		G. W. Thompson,	Milton,	3	1	1			120	3 00	10 00	56 00
Mt. Hermon,	J. Howell,	A. C. Hunter,	University Station,	11			1	2	116	2 50	2 50	
Mt. Olive,	J. H. Caudle,	A. A. Boyle,	Little Yadkin,	11	2		3		56	2 00	5 00	
Providence,	W. E. Oakley,	W. Buchanan,	Berea,						48			
Red Bank,	Wm. Turner,	T. J. Valentine,	Germanton,	7	1				33	2 00		16 75
Summerfield,	L. H. Shuck,	C. Case, Jr.,	Summerfield,	1				1	26	3 00		
Trinity,	S. G. Mason,	W. Slade,	Locust Hill,		1	2			54	3 00		36 60
Yanceyville,	S. G. Mason,	J. Poteat,	Yanceyville,	6	2	2			125	3 00		64 05
				97	20	32	7	26	1920	$41 30	$64 10	$ 253 45

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

NAMES.	POST OFFICES.	
R. C. Bayly,	Germanton,	N. C.
A. H. Barnes,	Madison,	"
J. H. Caudle,	Little Yadkin,	"
C. Duncan,	Madison,	"
R. Gourley,	Winston,	"
F. M. Jordan,	Hillsboro,	"
S. G. Mason,	Yanceyville,	"
L. H. Shuck,	Madison,	"
J. Terrell,	Francisco,	"

LICENSED MINISTERS.

Pinkney Oliver,	Summerfield,	N. C.
N. V. Powell,	Milton,	"

Elders Ferguson, McDonald, Montague, Jackson, Turner, Gillmore, Oakley and Howell, of other Associations, perform regular pastoral labors in this Association.

Appendix.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

L. H. Shuck	to Beulah Association, Dr.	
Cash on hand,	$ 5 00	
Amount received from Finance Committee,	339 60	344 60
Cr.		
By amount paid W. R. Trawick,	$236 85	
Paid Elder Robertson,	66 60	
Paid Clerks,	15 00	
Printing Minutes and postage,	26 15	344 60

CONSTITUTION OF THE BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Aricle 1. This Association shall be called the Beulah Baptist Association.

2. This Association shall be composed of—first, all the ordained ministers who are members of, or have the pastoral charge of, the churches within this Associational district, who

shall be members of the Association *ex-officio*, secondly, not more than three delegates from each church within the district aforesaid, who shall produce letters from the churches certifying their appointment; in which said letters shall be stated the numerical standing of said churches—showing their additions, losses and changes of membership, since the last annual Association.

3. The Association shall be held at least once a year, at such time and place as they may appoint; and shall be opened and closed with prayer.

4. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer; the two last offices, however, may be held by the same individual, should such be the pleasure of the Association.

5. The officers aforesaid shall be chosen at each annual session of the Association, by ballot or nomination, as may be the pleasure of a majority of the members; and the Clerk shall be eligible to continue in office until another is appointed; and shall at all times perform the duties of Treasurer, unless another individual be appointed to the latter office.

6. The Association shall have no right to interfere with the internal regulations of the churches, but may tender them advice, and in case any of them should become corrupt in doctrine or practice, exclude such from their fellowship; and shall also have the power to adopt such measures as may be deemed proper to promote the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom.

7. All committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

8. A committee of Arrangements shall be appointed, of which the Moderator and Clerk shall be members *ex-officio*.

9. It shall be the duty of the committee of Arrangements to prepare the business of the Association, and to consider the expediency or inexpediency of bringing any matter before the Association. The action of the committee, however, in relation to any matter, shall not be conclusive; and any matter or proposition which may be rejected by them, may be brought before the Association by any member thereof who may not concur in that decision.

10. It shall be the duty of the Association to deliberate on the matter prepared by the committee, whether queries o propositions from the churches, or suggestions from the committee, and to make such responses, and to offer such counsel as may be deemed fit and proper.

11. The Association may invite Baptist ministers (who may be present) to a seat in their body, who shall be admitted to the privileges of counsel and debate only.

12. The power of appointing Presbyteries for the ordination of ministers and the constitution of churches within this district, shall be vested in this Association. And it shall be the duty of the Association at each annual session, to appoint a standing Presbytery, to attend to all requests from the churches relating to these matters, during the succeeding Associational year, and until a new Presbytery be appointed.

13. The Association may have a Board of Managers, to be composed of one member from each church, together with the ordained ministers of the Association, whose duty it shall be to transact all business committed to it by the Association, from one annual meeting to another, and present at each meeting of the Association a faithful report of all its proceedings. It may also recommend in its report, any measures of interest or importance to the consideration of the Association. And after the present year, lay members of the said Board shall be appointed by the Association, upon the nomination of their respective churches, provided the churches choose to exercise such right; but in default of such nomination by the churches, the Association shall have power to fill the Board without such nominations. And seven members shall constitute a quorum of said Board, and the officers of the Board shall be such as it may choose to appoint; and it shall have also power to regulate the time and place of its own meetings.

14. The Constitution may be altered or amended at the annual meeting of the Association, by a vote of two-thirds of the whole body.

RULES OF ORDER AND DECORUM.

1. The Moderator shall take the chair every day during the session, at the hour appointed at the adjournment, and call the members to order, and on the appearance of a quorum, cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read.

2. 2. He shall preserve decorum and order, shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Association by any member.

2. He shall rise to put a question, but may state it sitting. He shall have the right to call any member to perform the duties of the chair temporarily.

4. The Moderator shall not vote on any question, unless the Association be equally divided.

5. He shall not speak in debate while occupying the chair, but may call another to the chair, and then he shall have the privilege of speaking in common with any other member.

6. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Association, he shall rise from his seat and address himself to the Moderator.

7. When two or more members rise at the same time, the Moderator shall name the person to speak first.

8. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question, without leave of the Association.

9. No member shall absent himself, finally, from the Association without leave.

10. Decency of speech shall be observed, and personal reflections avoided.

11. Whilst the Moderator is putting any question, or addressing the Association, no person shall speak, stand up, or walk out or across the house; nor when a member is speaking, entertain private discourses, stand up, or pass between him and the Moderator.

12. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to a day certain, to commit or amend—which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand arranged.

13. All committees shall consist of three members, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

14. A select committee shall be appointed on the first day of the Association, to select the ministers who are to preach on Saturday and the succeeding days of the meeting, and give notice thereof to the respective ministers, whose duty it shall be to conform to the arrangements thus made.

15. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be put by the Moderator, unless withdrawn by the mover.

16. No standing rule shall be rescinded, altered, or suspended, unless by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

17. The Constitution and Rules of Order and Decorum shall be read on Saturday of each session of this Association.

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Beulah Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

MADISON, ROCKINGHAM Co., N. C.,

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T. SLADE, - - - - - - - - -	*Assistant Clerk,*

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Proceedings.

Friday, Aug. 7th, 1863.

The Beulah Baptist Association met in in its 30th annual session with the Baptist church in Madison, North Carlina.

The introductory sermon was delivered, according to appointment, by Elder S. G. Mason from Eph. i. 22—"And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church."

After a recess the Association was called to order by the former Moderator, and opened with singing and prayer by Elder Dodson.

Elder S. G. Mason was re-elected Moderator and Elder L. H. Shuck, Clerk.

The Clerk proceeded to call the roll of churches, which exhibited the following delegation, viz:

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.
Beulah,	Elder E. Dodson.
Cane Creek,	Letter.
Clement,	Letter.
Elm Grove,	Wm. Highfield, Isaac Oakes, E. H. Oakes.
Ephesus,	Elder D. A. Blair.
Friendship,	Letter.
Greensboro,	C. C. Huffman, D. H. La Pish.
Hillsboro,	Elder J. L. Carroll, John Cheek.
Kerr's Chapel,	T. W. Graves.
Leaksville,	R. A. Covington. — Osborne.
Madison,	M. Stamps, Joshua Wall, Henry Comer.
Mill Creek,	Letter.
Mar's Hill,	Letter.
Milton,	N. V. Powell, T. C. Walters.
Mt. Olive,	Letter.
Red Bank,	E. W. Marshall, W. W. Petree.
Summerfield,	S. A. Powell, T. Wilson, J. W. Winchester.
Trinity,	Letter.
Yanceyville,	James Poteat, F. J. Barnes.

Good Will, Hogan's Creek, Cool Spring Mt. Hermon and Mill Creek, not represented.

Ministers present members of the Association—S. G. Mason, F. M. Jordan, L. H. Shuck, J. L. Carroll, R. Gourley, E. Dodson, D. A. Blair.

On motion, the pastor and delegates of the Madison church were appointed a committee on religious exercises.

The Beaver Island church recently constituted, applied for admission into the Association, and was on motion admitted as a constituent member and the Moderator extended the hand of fellowship to the delegates, brethren J. A. Vernon and J. W. Hall.

On motion, corresponding delegates from sister Associations were invited to take seats with us. Elder J. F. Hardwick and M. W. Read, from the Roanoke Association Va., Elders D. G. Taylor and R. D. Haymore, from the Blue Ridge, Va.; Elder F. H. Jones, from the Yadkin; Elder S. Ivey, from the Raleigh; Elder W. N. Hereford, from the Liberty accepted the invitation.

On motion, visiting brethren were invitedto seats. Elder G. W. Griffin from the Salem Association, Tennessee; Elder T. W. Tobey, representing the Domestic Mission Board at Marion, Alabama; Elder N. B. Cobb, Supt. of Army Colportage and bro. John Poteat from the Brown Creek Association accepted the invitation.

The Moderator appointed the following standing committees:

On Arrangements—L. H. Shuck, F. M. Jordan, E. W. Marshall.

Finance—M. Stamps, F. J. Barnes, John Cheek.

Sabbath Schools—D. La Pish, J. Poteat, N. Powell.

Periodicals—E. Dodson, R. Gourley, W. W. Petree.

Temperance—F. M. Jordan, S. A. Powell, John Cheek.

Baptist State Convention—E. Dodson, John Poteat, J. L. Carroll.

Army Colportage—D. A. Blair, F. M. Jordan, R. Gourley.

For. Missions—E. Dodson, F. H. Jones, C. C. Huffman.

Education—F. M. Jordan. J. L. Carroll, J. A. Vernon.

The above committees were also re-appointed to prepare reports for the next session of the Association.

On motion, a committee, consisting of L. H. Shuck, S. Ivey, J. M. Lindsay, was appointed to prepare a suitable obituary notice of the late Eld Charles Duncan.

On motion, the Clerk was directed to pay to Elder T. W. Tobey, for the Marion Board, half of the funds not specially appropriated by the churches.

On motion, adjourned to Saturday 9 1-2 o'clock A. M. Prayer by Elder Griffin. Elder Carroll preached at night in the Baptist Church.

SATURDAY, 9 1-2 O'CLOCK.

The Association met. Singing and prayer by Elder Dodson.

The proceedings of yesterday read and approved.

The Clerk read the Constitution and Rules of Decorum.

The committee of Arrangements reported. Report received.

On motion, corresponding delegates to sister Associations were called on to report. P. Oliver and E. H. Oakes attended the Liberty Association. Elder L. H. Shuck attended the Southern Baptist Convention held in Augusta.

The following delegates to sister Associations were appointed:

Flat River—F. M. Jordan.
Roanoke—S. G. Mason, N. Powell.
Blue Ridge—W. J. Moore, W. W. Petree.
Dan River—S. G. Mason.
Liberty—J. Poteat, D. La Pish, R. Gourley, S. A. Powell.
Sandy Creek—J. L. Carroll, T. D. Oldham.
Yadkin—F. M. Jordan.

The following resolutions were offered and adopted after remarks by Elders Tobey and Cobb:

Resolved, 1. That the Pastors of this Association be urged to devote at least one or two months of their time during this year in preaching to the soldiers of our army.

Resolved, 2. That the churches to which they preach be requested to continue their salaries without deduction and send up funds to the Board of Missions at Goldsboro to defray their necessary expenses, and supply them with tracts and testaments for distribution.

Elder Dodson, from the committee on Periodicals offered the following report. Adopted.

REPORT.

The Biblical Recorder, published weekly at Raleigh by Elder J. D. Hutham at five dollars per year, should be taken by every Baptist family. The rich members could not make a better present scarcely than to give it to the poor families of the church. Every pastor should advise all his members to take it. Any poor woman who can weave sixteen yards of cloth, sell four chickens or four pounds of butter can get it. *Reading* churches are generally *working* churches. The "Child's Index" printed in Macon, Georgia, monthly by Elder S. Boykin at $1 per annum or four to one address for $2 should be in every family. There is a "Baptist Review" puplished at Columbia, South Carolina, price $5. Let every Baptist minister subscribe to it.

The report on Temperance was indefinitely postponed, after remarks by Elders Dodson, Jordan, Gourley, Read, Hardwick, Blair and bro. Graves.

On motion, adjourned to 2 o'clock. Prayer by Elder Cobb.

Elder G. W. Griffin preached at the Methodist church today.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 o'clock.

The Association met. Prayer by Elder Taylor.

Brother La Pish from the committee on Sabbath Schools offered the following report. Adopted after remarks by Elder Dodson.

REPORT.

It is the duty of every one to keep the Sabbath holy and one of the best means to aid us in fulfilling this divine requirement, is to meet together during its holy hours to instruct or be instructed by each other. The ministry is God's great means of reconciling the world unto himself, and nothing will aid us in this labor of love more than an efficient Sabbath School, to teach the young the first principles of piety and their duty to God and to strengthen the believer in the grace and knowledge of our Lord. The hallowed influences thus thrown around the young tending to keep them from profaning the Lord's day, cultivating habits of industry, and often giving much pleasure to both teacher and scholar in attending the house of worship; and the many other influences for usefulness in this life and happiness in the life to come will be felt and duly appreciated only in the mansions of bliss. They are more than tongue can tell. In view of these facts does it not behoove us to put forth all our efforts to train the young in the Sabbath School? Will not all our brethren make use of all the means in their power and endeavor to enlarge and improve those means, and labor faithfully in this branch of our Lord's vineyard! A church with a Sabbath School is a church at work. A church without it, is idle and the Lord teaches us, brethren, that he does not approve of idleness.

Elder Dodson, from the committee on objects of Baptist State Convention. offered the following report. Adopted after remaks by Elders Griffin, Dodson, Blair and Carroll.

REPORT.

State missions have been unwisely stopped. More would have been done for the army if we had more State missionaries. The General Association of Va., in June last raised over $15,000, (fifteen thousand dollars) for various purposes. The brethren wisely aim to start State missions. Let us imitate them. We shall not only cultivate our domestic field but we shall have more agents for Army Colportage. If North Carolina appropriates $100,000 and Alabama, $200,000 for soldiers' families besides what the counties give them, shall we deny soldiers' *families* the glorious gospel by not providing missionaries to preach to them. All other denominations are cultivating the domestic field. At the Synod in Raleigh for 1862 the Presbyterians had a domestic agent. But for the agency of bro. Cobb we should not have raised half as much for Army Colportage.

The following resolution was adopted after remarks by Elders Griffin, Shuck, Dodson, Blair and bro. Graves:

Resolved, That the brethren generally throughout this Association be requested to discourage the manufacture, sale and use of ardent spirits as a beverage.

Elder Dodson from the committee on Foreign Missions offered the following report. Adopted after remarks by Elder Tobey.

REPORT.

The command of Christ to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, is imperative. It does not cease because war exists. In 1792 in the midst of the French Revolution, the East India Mission was commenced.— In 1812 when war existed between England and America, the Burman Mission

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by letter.	Dis'd by letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	Asso. Fund.	Army Colportage.	For. Missions.
Beulah,	J. B. Jackson,	W. R. Pleasant,	Leasburg,			2			40	$4 00		
Beaver Island,	A. H. Barnes,	J. A. Vernon,	Beaver Island,						20	4 00	$20 00	
Cane Creek,	S. Gilmore,	T. S. Cates,	Rock Spring,	7	3		1	6	250	5 00	25 60	
Clement,	F. M. Jordan,	T. K. Glenn,	Bushy Fork,			1	3	1	65	4 00		
Cool Spring,	F. M. Jordan,	J. A. Forest,	Hillsboro,						25	2 00		
Elm Grove,	P. Oliver,	J. Deans,	Summerfield,					3	48	4 00		
Ephesus,	D. A. Blair,	O. Faulkner,	Cunningham's Store,	1			1	3	190	4 00	23 00	
Friendship,	P. C. Lewis,	J. Ferguson,	Wilson's Store,		2		3	4	80	5 00		
Greensboro,	J. B. Jackson,	D. H. La Pish,	Greensboro,		2	4		3	53	6 00	20 00	
Good Will,									29			
Hogan's Creek,												
Hillsboro,	J. L. Carroll,	H. C. Strowd,	Hillsboro,	2	1				105	5 00	37 00	
Kerr's Chapel,	F. M. Jordan,	T. W. Graves,	Yanceville,	7				1	23	4 00		
Leaksville,	W. M. Ferguson,	C. G. Jones,	Leaksville,			1		4	101	5 00		
Madison,	L. H. Shuck,	J. M. Lindsay,	Madison,	21		1		3	180	5 00	87 00	
Mars Hill,	F. M. Jordan,	W. J. Ward,	Hillsboro,			2		1	41	4 00	21 00	
Mayfield,												
Mill Creek,	J. E. Montague,	J. W. Hunt,	Roxboro,				1	4	100	10 00		
Milton,	W. R. McDonald,	G. W. Thompson,	Milton,						120	10 30	$91 08	$25 00
Mt. Hermon,	J. Howell,	A. C. Hunter,	University Station,						116			
Mt. Olive,	J. H. Caudle,	A. A. Boyle,	Little Yadkin,				2	3	49	3 00		
Providence,	W. E. Oakley,	W. Buchanan,	Berea,						43	5 00		
Red Bank,	Wm. Turner,	T. J. Valentine,	Germanton,	1	4			1	36	4 00	75 25	
Summerfield,	L. H. Shuck,	C. Case,	Summerfield,	2				2	26	6 50	122 00	
Trinity,	S. G. Mason,	W. Slade,	Locust Hill,	1			1	3	51	5 00	171 75	
Yanceville,	S. G. Mason,	J. Poteat,	Yanceville,	5	9			2	132	10 00	607 40	

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

NAMES.	POST-OFFICES.
R. C. Bayley,	Germanton,
A. H. Barnes,	Madison,
J. H. Caudle,	Little Yadki
R. Gourley,	Winston,
J. L. Carroll,	Hillsboro,
F. M. Jordan,	Hillsboro.
S. G. Mason,	Yanceyville,
L. H. Shuck,	Madison,
J. Terrell,	Francisco,

LICENSED MINISTERS.

Pinckney Oliver,	Summerfi
N. V. Powell,	Milton.

Elders Ferguson, Blair, McDonald, Jackson, Monta Turner, Gilmore, Oakley and Howell, of other Associat perform regular pastoral labors in this Association.

STATEMENT OF T. D. OLDHAM, TRUSTEE.

To Beulah Association.

To cash,			$900
Interest on same,			144
cash of Jas Purefoy,			50
			$1094
By Confederate Bond,		$1000	
By cash,		95	
		1095	
Paid R. Gourley,	45		
" Exect. Com.,	50		
" C. Graves,	1000	1095	

Appendix.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

L. H. Shuck, to Beulah Association, Dr.

on hand,	$ 1 25
ition to Contingent Fund,	14 50
d from Mill Creek,	10 00
d of Finance Committee,	1344 55
	$1370 30

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Rev. N. B. Cobb,	$952 00	
Rev. T. W. Tobey,	281 00	
J. D. Hufham for Mars Hill,	8 00	
Clerk,	25 00	
and for For. Missions,	25 00	
ting Minutes,	70 00	
age on Minutes,	9 30	1370 30

NSTITUTION OF THE BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

RTICLE 1. This Association shall be called the Beulah
tist Association.

This Association shall be composed of—first; all the or-
ed ministers who are members of, or have the pastoral
ge of, the churches within this Associational district, who
l be members of the Association *ex-officio*, secondly, not
e than three delegates from each church within the dis-
aforesaid, who shall produce letters from the churches
ifying their appointment; in which said letters shall be
ed the numerical standing of said churches—showing
r additions, losses and changes of membership, since the
annual Association.

. The Association shall be held at least once a year, at
time and place as they may appoint; and shall be open-
nd closed with prayer.

4. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer; the two last offices, however, may be held by the same individual, should such be the pleasure of the Association.

5. The officers aforesaid shall be chosen at each annual session of the Association, by ballot or nomination, as may be the pleasure of a majority of the members; and the Clerk shall be eligible to continue in office until another is appointed; and shall at all times perform the duties of Treasurer, unless another individual be appointed to the latter office.

6. The Association shall have no right to interfere with the internal regulations of the churches, but may tender them advice, and in case any of them should become corrupt in doctrine or practice, exclude such from their fellowship; and shall also have the power to adopt such measures as may be deemed proper to promote the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom.

7. All committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

8. A committee of Arrangements shall be appointed, of which the Moderator and Clerk shall be members *ex-officio.*

9. It shall be the duty of the committee of Arrangements to prepare the business of the Association, and to consider the expediency or inexpediency of bringing any matter before the Association. The action of the committee, however, in relation to any matter, shall not be conclusive; and any matter or proposition which may be rejected by them, may be brought before the Association by any member thereof who may not concur in that decision.

10. It shall be the duty of the Association to deliberate on the matter prepared by the committee, whether queries or propositions from the churches, or suggestions from the committee, and to make such responses, and to offer such counsels as may be deemed fit and proper.

11. The Association may invite Baptist ministers (who may be present) to a seat in their body, who shall be admitted to the privileges of counsel and debate only.

12. The Association may have a Board of Managers, to be composed of one member from each church, together with the ordained ministers of the Association, whose duty it shall be to transact all business committed to it by the Association, from one annual meeting to another, and present at each meeting of the Association a faithful report of all its proceedings. It may also recommend in its report, any mea-

res of interest or importance to the consideration of the
sociation. And after the present year, lay members of
said Board shall be appointed by the Association, upon
nomination of their respective churches, provided the
urches choose to exercise such right; but in default of such
mination by the churches, the Association shall have pow-
to fill the Board without such nominations. And seven
mbers shall constitute a quorum of said Board, and the
cers of the Board shall be such as it may choose to ap-
nt; and it shall have also power to regulate the time and
ce of its own meeting.

3. The Constitution may be altered or amended at the
nual meeting of the Association, by a vote of two-thirds of
whole body.

RULES OF ORDER AND DECORUM.

. The Moderator shall take the chair every day during
session, at the hour appointed at the adjournment, and
the members to order, and on the appearance of a quo-
n, cause the minutes of the proceeding day to be read.

. He shall preserve decorum and order, shall decide
stions of order, subject to an appeal to the Association by
member.

. He shall rise to put a question, but may state it sitting.
shall have the right to call any member to perform the
ies of the chair temporarily.

. The Moderater shall not vote on any question, unless
Association be equally divided.

. He shall not speak in debate while occupying the chair,
may call another to the chair, and then he shall have the
vilege of speaking in common with any other member.

. When any member is about to speak in debate, or de-
r any matter to the Association, he shall rise from his seat
address himself to the Moderator.

. When two or more members rise at the same time, the
derator shall name the person to speak first.

. No member shall speak more than twice on the same
stion, without leave of the Association.

. No member shall absent himself, finally, from the Asso-
tion without leave.

0. Decency of speech shall be observed, and personal re-
tions avoided.

11. Whilst the Moderator is putting any question, or addressing the Association, no person shall speak, stand up, or walk out or across the house; nor when a member is speaking, entertain private discourses, stand up, or pass between him and the Moderator.

12. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to a day certain, to commit or amend—which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand arranged.

13. All committees shall consist of three members, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

14. A select committee shall be appointed on the first day of the Association, to select the ministers who are to preach on Saturday and the succeeding days of the meeting, and give notice thereof to the respective ministers, whose duty it shall be to conform to the arrangements thus made.

15. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be put by the Moderator, unless withdrawn by the mover.

16. No standing rule shall be rescinded, altered, or suspended, unless by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

17. The Constitution and Rules of Order and Decorum shall be read on Saturday of each session of this Association.

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MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Beulah Baptist Association.

HELD WITH THE

Clement Church, Person Co., N. C.,

AUGUST 12--15, 1864.

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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Elder S. G. MASON, Moderator, Yanceyville, N. C.
Danl. H. LaPish, Clerk and Treas., Greensboro.
Elder F. H. Jones, Assistant Clerk, Hillsdale.

Trustees.

A. Barrow,
J. C. Davis,
Dr. G. S. DeJarnatte,
Calvin Graves.
Jno. M. Lindsay.
T. D. Oldham.

Trustees of Beulah Male Institute.

Milton Stamps, President of Board.
A. P. Smith,
Samuel Moore,
Pleasant Webster,
J. S. Wall,
J. M. Lindsay,
T. J. Robertson.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

NAMES.	ADDRESS.	NAMES.	ADDRESS.
R. C. Bailey,	Madison.	F. M. Jordan,	Hillsboro'.
A. H. Barnes,	Madison.	F. H. Jones,	Hillsdale.
J. H. Caudle,	Little Yadkin.	S. G. Mason,	Yanceyville.
E. Dodson,	Hillsboro'.	P. Oliver,	Germanton.
G. W. Griffin,	Madison.	W. W. Petree,	Germanton.

LICENTIATE.

N. V. Powell, Milton.

Elders Baldwin, Devin, Ferguson, Blackwood, Howell, McDonald, Montague, Oakley, and Turner, perform pastoral labor in this Association.

Proceedings.

FRIDAY, Aug. 12th, 1864.

The Beulah Baptist Association met in its 31st annual session with the Clement church, in Person county, N. C.

The introductory sermon was delivered according to appointment by Elder Geo. W. Griffin from Mark xvi. 15—" And he said unto them go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

After the introductory sermon, the Association was called to order and opened by Elder S. G. Mason, with reading a part of the 2nd chapter of Paul's epistle to the Phillipians, an exhortation, singing and prayer.

On motion, the following persons were unanimously chosen officers of this Association, viz: Elder S. G. Mason, Moderator, Daniel H. LaPish, Clerk, Elder F. H. Jones, assistant Clerk.

On motion, appointed the Pastor and delegates of the Clement church, a committee on religious exercises.

On motion, appointed a committee of Arrangements, consisting of Elders J. J. James, Theo. Whitfield, and brother A. Graves.

On motion, invited corresponding brethren. Elders C. C. Chaplin, J. D. Lake, President Baptist Female College, Danville, Va., and M. W. Reid, Agent S. School Board at Greenville, S. C., from the Roanoke; Elders N. B. Cobb, Cor. Sec. of the Board of Missions, Goldsboro', N. C., from the Pamlico, and W. E. Oakley from the Flat River Association, accepted and took seats with us.

On motion, visiting brethren were invited to seats with us. Elder R. H. Marsh and brother — Cobb from the Flat River Association, accepted.

On motion, the Clerk read the letters from the churches, exhibiting the following delegation, viz:

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.
Beulah, ...	James Moore, Alzermau G. Stevens.
Beaver Island, ...	Elder F. H. Jones.
Cane Creek, ...	Wyatt Cates, Thomas J. Cates.
Clement, ...	Stephen Wilkerson, A. Comton and J. J. Ellison

Cool Spring,......	Redding Cape.
Elm Grove,.......	John Deans, W. Highfield.
Ephesus, ...	Wm. M. Faulkner.
Friendship,.......	Letter.
Greensboro, ...	Elder Theo. Whitfield, D. H. LaPish.
Good Will,.......	Elder Pinkney Oliver.
Hillsboro',........	H. C. Stroud, James E. Jones.
Hogan's Creek,....	Harrison A. Terrill, Wm. Pritchett.
Kerr's Chapel,....	Thomas W. Graves, Bedford A. Boswell.
Leaksville,.......	Letter.
Mt. Olive,........	Albert Boyle.
Mayfield,.........	Dr. G. S. DeJarnatte, Edw. Atkinson.
Mar's Hill,.......	Jno. Redding, Wm. Ward, and Elder F. M. Jordan.
Mt. Hermon,......	Letter.
Milton,..........	N. Powell, J. J. Yarbro.
Mill Creek,.......	J. Younger, T. W. Buchanan, T. T. Link.
Madison,..........	J. S. Wall, W. R. Lindsay.
Providence, ...	T. H. Nelson, Drury Gravett.
Red Bank,.........	E. W. Marshall, J. Guthrie.
Summerfield, ...	Dr. S. A. Powell, Bedford Brown, Wm. Scott.
Trinity,...........	T. Slade, P. H. Neal, A. Graves.
Yanceyville,......	Gen. Wm. Lea, Jas. Poteat, F. J. Barnes.

Note.—There may be errors in the list of delegates, as some of them failed to give in their names, as was agreed upon.—Clerk.

On motion, appointed a committee on Finance consisting of brethren Wm. Lea, H. C Stroud, and Jas. Poteat.

On motion, adjourned until Saturday 9 o'clock, A. M. Prayer by Elder Cobb.

Saturday, 9 o'clock.

The Association met and spent half an hour in devotional exercises, conducted by the moderator. After whichproceeded to business.

The minutes of yesterday read, corrected, and approved. On motion, called the roll of delegates.

The clerk read the constitution and rules of decorum. Called on corresponding messengers to sister Associations to report. Elders S. G. Mason, F. H. Jones, G. W. Griffin, and brethren Wm. Lea and N. Powell, attended the Roanoake. Elder R. Gourly, and brethren Jas. Poteat and D. H. LaPish the Liberty Association.

Appointed the following corresponding messengers to sister Associations:

Flat River,—brethren N. Powell, Jno. W. Hunt.

Roanoake,—Elder J. J. James, Dr. Geo. S. DeJarnatte N. Powell, and J. F. Barnes.

Blue Ridge,—Elders F. H. Jones, P. Oliver and bro Wm. Lindsay.

Dan River,—Elders S. G. Mason, J. J. James, and bro. W. M. Faulkner.

Liberty,—Elders F. M. Jordan, Theo. Whitfield.
Sandy Creek,—brethren Wyatt Cates and T. D. Oldham.
Yadkin,—Elders Jordan, Jones and Griffin.

On motion, opened correspondence with Pamlico Association, and appointed to the same as messengers, Elders F. M. Jordan; E. Dodson, and brother Thos. W. Graves. Called on various committees to report. The Executive committee in behalf of Associational Missions through their chairman offered a portion of their report, which elicited a discussion, in which the following brethren engaged: Elders James, Dodson, Cobb, Griffin, Jones, Dr. DeJarnatte, Elder Jordan, brethren A. Graves, LaPish, and T. W. Graves

On motion of Elder James, the report was recommitted, with instructions to amend so as to show the amounts received from the churches, which amounts are reported in the letters from the churches to this body; not paid in, but paid to the Executive committee previous to this time. In consequence of the death of Elder Blair, no report ready on Army Colportage; whereupon Elder Dodson was requested to prepare a report on Army Colportage and report during this session.

The committee on Temperance through their chairman offered the following report:

REPORT.

Sobriety is the opposite of intemperance, and the Apostle exhorts us to be temperate in all things; and again he says, use this world as not abusing it, which implies that we are not to convert the blessings of God into a curse. When men convert their grain into whiskey, and their apples into brandy, for the purpose of increasing their earthly gain, regardless of the effect which it may produce upon others; they convert that into an evil, which God intended for a blessing. An inspired writer says, "wo to him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth thy putteth thy bottle to him, and maketh him drunken." Then while we are to guard against sensual insobriety, at the same time we are to guard against mentdl insobriety. The apostle Peter, addressing christians said, "be sober," sober in the pursuit of honor, sober in the pursuit of wealth, sober in the pursuit of pleasure, sober in receiving the great events as they are transpiring in the world. We are not to suffer our minds to become intemperately fixed upon the cares of this life,

F. M. JORDAN, *Chairman.*

Pending the adoption of the report, on motion, adjourned to 1 1-2 o'clock. Prayer by Elder Lake.

AFTERNOON SESSION, Saturday 1 1-2 o'clock.

Opened with singing and prayer by Elder Marsh.

Elder J. D. Hufham having arrived, was invited and took a seat with us.

Took up the report on temperance; unanimously adopted after remarks by Elders Jordan, Whitfield, and brother LaPish.

On motion, suspended regular order of business in order that the Executive Committee might report; committee reported. Adopted after remarks by Elder Griffin.

REPORT.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following report:

We employed two missionaries for their whole time; another was engaged to labor two Sabbaths in each month. Bro. F. H. Jones was assigned to Rockingham county; Bro Dodson in parts of Orange, Person, and Caswell; and Bro. Griffin at one point in Caswell. The Missionaries thus employed, agreed to labor for the following rates: Bro. Jones for $600 00 per annum; Bro. Dodson for $20 00 per month; and Bro. Griffin for $400 00 for half his time. Seeing the vast destitution in our bounds, it was a matter of sincere regret that more labor was not engaged. The opinion prevailed that it would not be safe to employ more. But the recently developed liberality of some of the churches and people, convince us that our plans were not sufficiently matured and enlarged, so as to gather the rich fruit so invitingly held out to us. We have great reason to be grateful to our Heavenly Father for the success with which he has crowned our feeble efforts, and ask him for a renewal of exertions to prosecute in the future with more zeal and energy, the work committed to our hands.

THE LABOR AND ITS FRUITS.

Some of the waste places of our Zion have been greatly refreshed and strengthened, to the joy of those who have prayed to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into their portion of the Lord's vineyard. Our brethren have gone into destitute regions of this Association, and many are now enjoying that sweet peace which passeth understanding, who were at the commencement of this Associational year in the regions of darkness and shadow of death. At some points prayer meetings are largely attended, (as many as 150 present) anxious to hear more concerning Jesus. Large and flourishing Sabbath Schools have been organized, and are now in successful operation. We have abundant evidence that the Lord favors our enterprise. Bro. Jones reports, up to July 1st 1864, 97 conversions, 82 have joined the Baptist churches, 51 of whom he baptized. Preached 197 sermons, prayed with 148 families, had religious conversations with 215, collected for Associational missions $819 00, for Army Colportage $800 45—$393 70 of this amount collected in the Yadkin Association, $206 75 in the Beulah Association, $74 for religious papers andS. School purposes. Bro. Jones says he enjoys his work. He also regards his field as an inviting one. If we look at the fruits we need not wonder that our brother enjoys his labor, so blessed of the Lord, in a field so promising and inviting. He further remarks, "I believe that while we are giving to the soldiers the Bible, the tract and religious periodical, and send to them the missionary, we can also preach to their mothers, wives and sisters at home." Thus you see that the amount raised for Associational Missions does not curtail the amount raised for Army Colportage. Brother Jones' 4th quarterly report:—Preached 16 sermons; baptized 26; 22 conversions; had 60 religious conversations; prayed with 20 families; collected for Associational Missions $401 50; for Army Colportage $70—making $471 50; baptized at Hogan's Creek 9; conversions 9.

Elder Dodson, missionary, reports as follows: "Since the last Association I have labored six months—the time for which I engaged. I have collected for brother Cobb $475 for Army Colportage, and $50 to send the *Recorder* to the soldiers. Beyond this Association I collected $1181 for Army Colportage for A. E. Dickinson. I have obtained 64 subscribers for the *Recorder*, 51 for the *Child's Index*, and 2 for the *Religious Herald*. I have collected all my salary, $120. I have paid to brother Taylor $65 for Foreign Missions. I have attended six protracted meetings, each numbering from two to twenty-five converts, and baptized 10 persons. I have assisted in several ministers and deacons' meetings, and in the organization of some Sabbath Schools."

Bro. Griffin reports that he assisted brother Jordan in a protracted meeting at Kerr's Chapel soon after our last Association. Some 10 persons professed faith in our adorable Redeemer, 5 of whom were baptized after the apostolic mode. The church was much strengthened in the graces of the Holy Spirit, and also in social and moral influence. Some who had been indulging a hope for many years were induced to follow our Lord Jesus in his appointed way. He held a meeting at Burke's school house south of Yanceyville. Much interest was manifested from the beginning. Large numbers were in attendance; 27 professed faith in Christ, and 18 have been baptized into the fellowship of the church at Kerr's Chapel; raised for Associational Missions at this place $29, and $29 for Army Colportage. Prayer meeting at this place was well attended. A Sunday School of 40 pupils was organized, and $1200 or $1400 have been raised to build a house of worship. Bro. Griffin assisted at another meeting, at which some 20 persons professed conversion and about the same number baptized. He has raised at his different preaching points $1850 in cash and subscription, one half for Army, the other for Associational Missions. Bro. Griffin was employed to labor at Bethel once a month at $800 per annum, and labored four months.

Our missionaries have raised for Associational Missions and Army Colportage, Missions and religious periodicals, $5,574 25, and report 253 conversions, 159 as having joined the Baptist churches. Some of our missionaries, who have become pastors, have succeeded in securing large and liberal contributions from their churches. Thus showing what may be accomplished by faithfully presenting the claims of our committee. In view of all the facts we would most earnestly urge all our brethren to a harmonious and cordial co-operation in this very important work. We trust that the difference of opinion as to the impracticability of this enterprise will cease; for it must be seen that our missionaries have been successful agents for the Colportage Board, as they have secured some two thousand dollars to this Board. They also assist Army Missions as they win wives, mothers and daughters to Christ, for these send the glad news to their husbands, fathers and sons, for husbands finding their companions in the service of Christ, seek to be partakers of the Divine life. We would also urge our churches to increased liberality, and to encourage ministerial imigration into this Association. Brethren, then let us go up and possess these fields, already white unto the harvest; for we are fully able.

Cash on hand at close of last Association,	$ 75 00
Contributions and pledges of last year's Association,	575 00
	650 00
Collected and paid to missionaries,	470 00
Now to collect,	180 00

$1487 85, which appears in this report, is from the following churches, to wit: Madison, Beulah, Summerfield, which is reported in their letters, and is shown in our Treasurer's report.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

T. J. BARNES, Chm'n.

There being three churches inviting the Association to meet with them next year,

On motion, agreed to meet with the church in Greensboro'.

On motion, appointed Elder S. G. Mason to preach the introductory sermon.

On motion, agreed to appoint a committee of three to report at the next meeting of the Association, on the state of the churches.

Called on committtee on periodicals to report; Elder Dodson in behalf of said committee, offered the following report. Adopted after remarks by Elders Dodson, Marsh, Chaplain and Hufham.

REPORT.

The *Biblical Recorder* is published by Elder J. D. Hufham, Raleigh, N. C., at $10 for six months; and the *Child's Index* is published monthly at Macon, Ga., by Elder S. Boykin at $2 for 6 months, and $3 for 12 months, or 5 copies for 12 months to one address for $10. Little chickens of the size of a partridge are selling for $5 each in Danville, Va. A straw hat made by a poor girl costs $5. Weaving three yards of cloth will cost $5. In many places the cheapest price for a pound of butter is $5. Every man, woman and child can take the *Recorder*. Every pastor in N. C. should persuade every Baptist and every friend to take the *Recorder*. The *Child's Index* should be in every family and in every Sabbath School in N. C. E. DODSON.

Announced appointments for services to-morrow.

On motion, adjourned to Monday 9 o'clock A. M. Prayer by Elder Jones.

Elders Whitfield and Chaplain preached at the stand to-day.

SABBATH.

Services at the stand to-day as follows:

Elder Griffin preached at 10 o'clock, followed by Elder Cobb in an address on Army Colportage at 11 o'clock. Elder S. G. Mason preached at 3 o'clock to over 2,000 persons.

MONDAY, 9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Met and spent half hour in devotional exercises. Read proceedings of Saturday.

On motion of Elder James, agreed to strike out the 12th article of the constitution. At the request of the moderator, moved, that we now appoint a committee, to nominate an Executive Committee of seven for Associational missions, to act during the ensuing year. Adopted.

The chair appointed on said committee, brother Joshua

Wall, Elders James and Whitfield, and brethren Thos. W. Graves, A. Graves, H. C. Stroud, and Dr DeJarnatte.

Elder Theo, Whitfield offered as a substitute for the 12th article of the constitution, the following:

Resolved, That an Executive Committee, consisting of five brethren, shall be appointed at each session of the Association; which committee shall direct the missionary operations of the Association and make an annual report of its proceedings to this body. Three of those brethren shall constitute a quorum for business, and all money sent up by the churches for Associational Missions shall be paid over to this committee. Adopted.

Elder Dodson offered the following report on the Baptist State Convention. Adopted after remarks by Elders Dodson and Reid.

REPORT.

The Baptist State Convention is now actively engaged in Army Colportage and in Sabbath Schools. Elder N. B. Cobb of Raleigh is Corresponding Secretary for Army Colportage, and Elder J. K. Howell of Raleigh is Corresponding Secretary of Sabbath Schools in N. C. The Board also aims to do something for State Missions. Elder Cobb raised during the Conventional year, ending in November, 1863, over $20,000 for Army Colportage. Over $20,000 have been paid for Sunday School books in N. C. The Marion Board gives $500 for the gospel in Greensboro'; and Salisbury, Graham, Company Shops, Hillsboro' with other towns and many places in the country ought to be cultivated. If N. C. gives $1,000,000, and Alabama $2,000,000 for soldiers' wives in each State our Convention ought to supply them and their children with spiritual food.

E. DODSON.

Elder Dodson, from the committee on Foreign Missions, offered the following report. Adopted after remarks by Elders Hufham and Dodson.

REPORT.

The command to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature is as binding as the law to believe and be baptized. Christ has never repealed it, and it is wicked to nullify it under any circumstances. For almost 300 years after the resurrection of Christ, persecutions and revolutions existed so that even meeting houses could rarely be built, yet the apostles and their successors spread the gospel. Even when there were 12 apostles Peter and his little band was commissioned to the Jews, and Paul and his company to the Gentiles. They did more in 36 years than all christendom does now even with the wonderful invention of printing. Very few professors now have sympathy like Christ who said, "the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up." Some excused themselves by saying they wish to pay their pastor, encourage education or home missions. They who give nothing to Foreign Missions give little to *any other object.* The boy at school with one study learns not that so well as the student who has three or four studies. David raised at one meeting over $200,000,000 to build the temple. 1 Chron. 29. The Saviour says you are the light of *the world,* not of a neighborhood.

E. DODSON.

Elder Jordan, from the committee on Education, offered the following

REPORT.

The Beulah Male Institute at Madison, N. C., is stopped on account of the war. Elder G. W. Griffin's school at Yanceyville, N. C., is flourishing as much as circumstances admit. We recommend to it a cordial support.

F. M. JORDAN, *Chairman.*

After remarks by Elders Dodson, Jordan, Griffin, Lake, Cobb, Chaplain, James, and Whitfield, Elder Griffin offered the following amendment:

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Beulah Male Institute be requested to resume their labors.

Committee on Finance offered their report. Adopted.

Elder Dodson offered the following resolution. Adopted.

Resolved, That we replace the 12th article of the constitution of 1861.

A communication being presented from Mill Creek and Providence churches asking a committee to confer with them in adjusting a matter between them touching church fellowship, whereupon the chair appointed Elders J. J. James, E. Dodson, Gen. Wm. Lea and Bro. Mumford Faulkner, and on motion the Moderator was added to this committee.

Bro. James Poteat offered the following resolution:

Whereas, We believe that the religious instruction of our slaves is being neglected at this time; therefore

Resolved, That this Association would urge upon all the churches and pastors within its bounds a faithful discharge of this duty.

The Moderator announced the appointment of the following brethren an Executive Committee on Associational Missions, to wit: James Poteat, F. J. Barnes, Wm. Lea, R. W. Lawson, and Dr. S. A. Powell.

Elder Whitfield offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That inasmuch as the Board of Domestic Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention is making Missionary appropriations within our State and even within the bounds of this Association; therefore the churches of this Association are requested to make contributions to that Board.

On motion, adjourned to 2 o'clock. Prayer by Elder Whitfield.

Monday, 2 o'clock P. M.

The Association met, opened with prayer by Elder Reid.

Elder Dodson offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That we recommend to the churches the first Saturday in September next as a day of fasting, humiliation, and prayer.

On motion, agreed to pay Elder F. H. Jones $242 33, the amount he collected over his salary.

The clerk read the following appointments by the Moderator on standing committees, viz:

On Sabbath Schools, Elders J. J. James, and brethren Danl. H. LaPish, and Bedford Brown.

On Periodicals, Elders R. Gourley, W. W. Petre.

On Temperance, brethren A. Graves, T. Slade.

On Baptist State Convention, Elder F. M. Jordan, brother Wood Covington

On Army Colportage, Elder G. W. Griffin, Dr. S. A. Powell.

On Foreign Missions, Elder E. Dodson, brother Jas. Poteat.

On Education, brethren N. Powell, Joseph Yarbro.

On State of Churches, Elder Theo. Whitfield, D. H. LaPish.

A motion was made to call the roll of the churches and ascertain the amount each church would pledge towards sustaining our Associational Missions, which was lost; whereupon the following individual pledges were made:

Elders F. M. Jordan and G. W. Griffin $100 each and all they can raise; brethren James Poteat $250; S. A. Powell $100; brother H. C. Stroud paid $50. Total $650.

The following brethren, viz: Elders Chaplin, Marsh, Griffin, Dodson and Jones, and brethren James Poteat, A. G. Stevens, Dr. Powell, J. J. Yarbro, Thos. J. Cates each paid $10. Total $100, which was placed in the hands of Elder Chaplin to send the *Recorder* to the soldiers in the hospital in Danville, Va.

Elder James offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, by this Association, That its Executive Committee be authorized to direct the labors of our missionaries to the army during the cold season of the year, while the soldiers are in their winter quarters.

Moved that Elder J. D. Hufham be requested to prepare a suitable obituary notice of our beloved brother, Col. Jno. G. Jones, 35th Reg. N. C. T., who fell in the battle of Petersburg. Adopted.

On motion, a coupon of $35 from the C. S. Bond, held by the Trustees, was applied to Associational Missions.

On motion, appointed all the ordained ministers of this Association a standing presbytery, three of whom shall constitute a quorum for business.

Bro. LaPish, from the committee on Sabbath Schools, offered the following report. Adopted after remarks by Elder M. W. Reid, who addressed the Association at some length in behalf of Sabbath Schools, setting forth the operations of the S. School Board at Greenville, S. C.

REPORT.

There are 26 churches in our Association. Sixteen of this number have Sabbath Schools, and ten have none. See Abstract A, page 13.

Your committee would earnestly appeal to *every member* of the churches of this Association to labor in this cause, either as superintendent, teachers, or scholars; and that parents and friends of children attend with the children; and if not qualified for teaching, that they become pupils in the study of God's holy word; to the end we may do his will; for, if we fail to do his will because we do not know it, while we have the means of knowing it, we are inexcusable; remembering the words of our blessed Savior, "Ye know your duty, happy are ye if ye do it."

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to this church and community for the kindness and hospitality with which this body has been received and entertained.

Ordered that the Clerks be paid $30 00 each.

Ordered that the Clerk have as many copies of the minutes printed as the funds will admit.

On motion, appointed the following brethren delegates to the Baptist State Convention: J. J. James, S. G. Mason, F. H. Jones, G. W. Griffin, Theo. Whitfield, H. C. Stroud, F. M. Jordan, W. M. Faulkner, Thos. Slade, T. W. Graves, Bedford Brown, Calvin Graves, W. A. Bradsher, Gen. Wm. Lea, A Graves, D. H. LaPish, F. J. Barnes, Dr. S. A. Powel, W. R. Lindsay, and Jno. Jordan.

On motion. the Clerk was instructed to pay Elder Cobb all funds on hand for Army Colportage and Army Missions.

On motion dispensed with reading the minutes of to-day.

On motion, adjourned to meet with the church in Greensboro' at the usual time next year. Prayer by Elder Dodson. Benediction by the Moderator.

Elders Hufham and Cobb preached at the stand to-day.

S. G. MASON, Mod.

DANL. H. LAPISH, Clerk.
F. H. JONES, Assistant Clerk.

[ABSTRACT A.]

Report on Sabbath Schools.

CHURCHES AND THEIR SCHOOLS.	Organized.	Number of Pupils.	Teachers.		Number of Pupils in Bible Classes.	Number of Pupils in Adv. Q. books.	Number in Child's Q. book.	Number of Readers.	Number of conversions past year.	No. of Verses of Scripture memorized	Supply of Books.	Prospect of the School.	Rank.	Contributions.
			Male.	Female.										
Beulah,		‡0												
Beaver Island,	May, '64.	40		9		27			7	1950		1	1	
Cane Creek, 2†	May, '64.	80	4	6				52			4	2	3	
Cool Spring,	April, '64.	60	2	4		12	18			2600	3	1	2	
Clement,	Mar. '64.	81	1	5	6			15	2		4	2	2	
Wood's School House, Br.	May, '64.	40	3	7				15						
Ephesus,		20												
Elm Grove,		0												
Friendship,		0												
Greensboro',	Feb. '59.	31	1	4		8	15	17		1600	2	2	2	
Good Will,		0												
Hogan's Creek,	June, '64.	24		4					4		4	2	3	
Hillsboro',†	1848.	26	3	3	10	14				4800	2	2	2	
Kerr's Chapel 2,		60									3	2		
Leaksville,		0												
Madison,		20												
Mar's Hill,		0												
Mayfield, †	July, '64.	45	1	3	30		8		2		3	1	2	
Mill Creek,														
Milton,†		60	3	11	14	a*	a*	a*				2	1	
and Br.														
Mill Meeting House,	1858.	40	3	2			12	8	6		2	1	1	29 68
Elisburg, Br.†,	Jun. 1, '64	20										3	3	
Gilead, Br.†,	April, '64.	12	1	4										
Mt. Olive,														
Providence,*		30	3	7		12								
Mt. Hermon*,														
Red Bank†,												3		
Summerfield,	June, '64.	28	2	3		7						2	2	
Chestnut Grove, Br.†	1864.	25	3	3		15						2	3	
Trinity,		0												
Yanceyville, 3,	1864.	110	4	6	a*	a*	a*	a*		700		2		
Total known,		802	34	81	60	95	53	107	21	11650				29 68

*Have classes; number of pupils not known. Supply of books—1 full; 2 average; 3 small; 4 wanting. Prospect—Number 1, fine; 2 good; 3 average. Rank—Number 1, highest; 3, lowest. †Help needed. ‡An 0 indicates no school.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Dr. Rec'd of Finance Committee,	$4082 14	Cr. P'd Executive Committee,	$ 266 00
" a friend for Army Missions,	20 00	" Eld. Chaplin for Danville Hos.	100 00
" A. Graves coupon of C. States bond number 15,805,	35 00	" Eld. N. B. Cobb,	2502 70
" H. C. Stroud for Associational Missions,	50 00	" F. H. Jones per Ex. Com.,	635 00
" Amount to send Recorder to Hospitals in Danville, Va.	100 00	" G. W. Griffin, "	136 55
" Dis't on $450 (O. I. used at face)	150 00	" Di't on 7:30 int. be'g C. T. Note,	20 60
" Friendship church,	7 16	" Clerks,	60 00
		" former Cl'k bal. postage on min.	7 29
		On hand for print'g min. & pos'ge,	200 61
		" " " Assoc. Missions,	815 49
	$4444 30		$4444 30

D. H. LAPISH, Treasurer.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICES.	Baptized.	Re'd by letter.	Di'd by letter.	Excluded.	Restored.	Deceased.	Total.	Asso'n Fund.	Associational Missions.	Army Colportage and Missions.
Beulah,	George W. Griffin,	Wm. R. Pleasant,	Yanceyville,	5	5	8	1		3	42	8 00	271 46	801 00
Beaver Island,	F. H. Jones,	James A. Vernon,	Beaver Island,	16			1			36	6 75	100 00	
Cane Creek,	Samuel Baldwin,	Thomas J. Cates,	Rock Spring,	15			3		14	248	6 00	20 00	
Clement,	F. M. Jordan,	Thomas K. Glenn,	Bushy Fork,	4	2				2	57	12 00	26 00	26 00
Cool Spring,	F. M. Jordan,		Hillsboro',	10			1		1	33	6 00	55 00	26 00
Elm Grove,	Pinkney Oliver,	John Deans,	Summerfield,	2	1	3	1	1	1	49	7 20	5 00	30 00
Ephesus,		O. Faulkner,	Cunningham's Store,	20			5		9	197	10 00	50 00	84 00
Friendship,	R. I. Devin,	John Ferguson,	Wilson's Store,			3			2	77	7 16		
Greensboro',	Theo. Whitfield,	Daniel H. LaPish,	Greensboro',		3	2			1	50	10 00	32 00	*110 00
Good Will,	Pinkney Oliver,	Robert Jones,	Oak Ridge,			2				24	8 00		21 00
Hillsboro',		H. C. Stroud,	Hillsboro',		3	3	3		1	96	5 00	34 50	34 50
Hogan's Creek,	F. H. Jones,		Reidsville,	9	1	2		1	1	48	7 00	260 00	113 00
†Kerr's Chapel,	F. M. Jordan,	Thomas W. Graves,	Yanceyville,	31	5					59	10 00		
†Leaksville,	W. M. Ferguson,	C. G. Jones,	Leaksville,	37	1		1		4	136	10 00		
Mt. Olive,	J. H. Caudle,	A. Boyles,	Little Yadkin,	7	5		3		2	60	20 00		
Mayfield,		Dr. G. S. DeJarnatte		18	1					25	5 00	175 00	12 50
Mar's Hill,	A. Blackwood,	Wm. Ward, Sr.,	Hillsboro',	2						48	5 00	35 40	20 00
Mt. Hermon,	J Howell,	A. C. Hunter,	University Station,	15	1		1		2	129	30 00		25 00
Milton,	Wm. R. McDonald,	N. Powell,	Milton,	18	1	7	1		3	185	11 00	100 00	232 00
Mill Creek,	John E. Montague,	J. W. Hunt,	Roxboro',	2			1		4	97	10 33		
Madison,	George W. Griffin,	M. Stamps,	Madison,	26	6	2			4	200	10 00	260 00	189 25
Providence,	W. E. Oakley,	Thomas H. Nelson,	Roxboro',	21	10		2		6	71	6 00		
Red Bank,	Wm. Turner,	Thos. J. Valentine,	Germanton,	7	1	4	3			37	8 00		100 28
Summerfield,	George W. Griffin,	B. Brown,	Summerfield,	10	4					88	14 00	240 00	226 00
Trinity,	S. G. Mason,	A. Graves,	Locust Hill,			1			1	49	10 00		373 49
Yanceyville,	S. G. Mason,	James Poteat,	Yanceyville,	30	5	4			2	153	25 00	35 00	229 00

*60 of this amount contributed for, and applied to Domestic Missions, through Board at Marion, Ala.

† Contributions included in report of Executive Committee.

Appendix.

CONSTITUTION OF THE BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be called the Beulah Baptist Association.

2. This Association shall be composed of—first, all the ordained ministers who are members of, or have the pastoral charge of, the churches within this Associational district, who shall be members of the Association *ex-officio*, secondly, not more than three delegates from each church within the district aforesaid, who shall produce letters from the churches certifying their appointment; in which said letters shall be stated the numerical standing of said churches—showing their additions, losses and changes of membership, since the last annual Association.

3. The Association shall be held at least once a year, at such time and place as they may appoint; and shall be opened and closed with prayer.

4. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer; the two last offices, however, may be held by the same individual, should such be the pleasure of the Association.

5. The officers aforesaid shall be chosen at each annual session of the Association, by ballot or nomination, as may be the pleasure of a majority of the members; and the Clerk shall be eligible to continue in office until another is appointed; and shall at all times perform the duties of Treasurer, unless another individual be appointed to the latter office.

6. The Association shall have no right to interfere with the internal regulations of the churches, but may tender them advice, and in case any of them should become corrupt in doctrine or practice, exclude such from their fellowship; and shall also have the power to adopt such measures as may be deemed proper to promote the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom.

7. All committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

8. A committee of Arrangements shall be appointed, of which the Moderator and Clerk shall be members *ex-officio*.

9. It shall be the duty of the committee of Arrangements to prepare the business of the Association, and to consider the expediency or inexpediency of bringing any matter before the Association. The action of the committee, however, in relation to any matter, shall not be conclusive; and any matter or proposition which may be rejected by them, may be brought before the Association by any member thereof who may not concur in that decision.

10. It shall be the duty of the Association to deliberate on the matter prepared by the committee, whether queries or propositions from the churches, or suggestions from the committee, and to make such responses, and to offer such counsels as may be deemed fit and proper.

11. The Association may invite Baptist ministers (who may be present) to a seat in their body, who shall be admitted to the privileges of counsel and debate only.

12. An Executive committee, consisting of five brethren, shall be appointed at each session of the Association; which committee shall direct the Missionary operations of the Association and make an annual report of its proceedings to this body. Three of these brethren shall constitute a quorum for business

and all money sent up by the churches for Associational Missions shall be paid over to this committee.

13. The Constitution may be altered or amended, at the annual meeting of the Association, by a vote of two-thirds of the whole body.

14. The power of appointing Presbyteries for the ordination of ministers and the constitution of churches within this district, shall be vested in this Association. And it shall be the duty of the Association at each annual session to appoint a standing Presbytery, to attend to all requests from the churches relating to these matters, during the succeeding Associational year, and until a new Presbytery be appointed.

RULES OF ORDER AND DECORUM.

1. The Moderator shall take the chair every day during the session, at the hour appointed at the adjournment, and call the members to order, and on the appearance of a quorum, cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read.

2. He shall preserve decorum and order, shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Association by any member.

3. He shall rise to put a question, but may state it sitting. He shall have the right to call any member to perform the duties of the chair temporarily.

4. The Moderator shall not vote on any question, unless the Association be equally divided.

5. He shall not speak in debate while occupying the chair, but may call another to the chair, and then he shall have the privilege of speaking in common with any other member.

6. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Association, he shall rise from his seat and address himself to the Moderator.

7. When two or more members rise at the same time, the Moderator shall name the person to speak first.

8. No man shall speak more than twice on the same question, without leave of the Association.

9. No member shall absent himself, finally, from the Association without leave.

10. Decency of speech shall be observed, and personal reflections avoided.

11. Whilst the Moderator is putting any question, or addressing the Association, no person shall speak, stand up, or walk out or across the house; nor when a member is speaking, entertain private discourses, stand up, or pass between him and the Moderator.

12. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to a day certain, to commit or amend—which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand arranged.

13. All committees shall consist of three members, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

15. A select committee shall be appointed on the first day of the Association, to select the ministers who are to preach on Saturday and the succeeding days of the meeting, and give notice thereof to the respective ministers, whose duty it shall be to conform to the arrangements thus made.

15. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be put by the Moderator, unless withdrawn by the mover.

16. No standing rules shall be rescinded, altered, or suspended, unless by a vote of two thirds of the members present.

17. The Constitution and Rules of Order and Decorum shall be read on Saturday of each session of this Association.

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY--THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

HELD WITH THE

KERR'S CHAPEL CHURCH, CASWELL CO., N. C.

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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Elder J. J. JAMES, Moderator, Yanceyville, N. C.
DANIEL H. LAPISH, Clerk and Treasurer, Greensboro', N. C.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

A. Barrow,
J. C. Davis,
Dr. G. S. DeJarnatte,
Calvin Graves,
Jno. M. Lindsey,
T. D. Oldham.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Names.	Address.	Names.	Address.
A. H. Barnes,	Madison, N. C.	J. J. James,	Yanceyville, N. C.
J. H. Caudle,	Little Yadkin, N. C.	F. H. Jones,	Hillsdale, N. C.
Elias Dodson,	Hillsboro', N. C.	S. G. Mason,	Yanceyville, N. C.
W. S. Fontain,	Greensboro', N. C.	R. A. Moore,	Milton, N. C.
P. H. Fontain,	" "	Pinkney Oliver,	Germanton, N. C.
Geo. W. Griffin,	Madison, N. C.	Julius Tyrrell,	Francisco.
Joel F. Hardwick,		N. W. Wilson,	Chapel Hill.
F. M. Jordan,	Hillsboro', N. C.		

LICENTIATES.

Jno. W. Hall, Madison, N. C.
W. W. Petree, Germanton, N. C.

The following brethren perform pastoral labor in this Association, viz:—Elders Blackwood, Howell, Montague, Oakley and Turner.

ERRATA

On page 5, last line before report on State Missions, read "adopted" after "received."

On page 6, before "J. J. James" read "Respectfully submitted."

On page 7, read "persons" after "twenty-five hundred."

On page 9, read "See page 12," in second line.

On page 10, read "brethren" in the eighth line after Report on Foreign Missions.

On page 10 and 11, the resolutions should be numbered 1st, 2nd, &c.

On page 12, instead of "A request," read "We request." Printer omitted several columns of Report on S. S.

In Treasurer's Report, read amount State Missions, [illegible] 165,00. On hand for Asso. Missions, 242,38 for 242,00; Paid Elder Walters 165,05 for 165,00; Total, 5[illegible],82 for 531,00.

At bottom of Treasurer's Report, read "Pledged } Ben[illegible], &c. Friend[illegible]

In Statistical Table read "Excluded," for "Expelled."

On page 14, read "Appendix," before "Constitution."

CLERK.

PROCEEDINGS.

Friday Morning, Aug. 10th, 1866.

The Association met, pursuant to adjournment.

Elder F. H. Jones being absent, the Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder W. T. Walters, from Matt. XIX : 29.

After an intermission of one hour, the delegates assembled, and the exercises were opened by the former Moderator with reading CIII Ps., a brief address, singing, and prayer by Elder J. J. James.

On motion, proceeded to call the names of the churches and enroll the delegates present, viz:

Beulah—Thos. A. Wilson, and W. R. Pleasants.
Beaver Island—Letter.
Cane Creek—David M. Sykes, Thomas D. Oldham and Chesley Moore
Clement Thomas K. Glenn, W. A. Bradshaw and Jno. S. Coleman.
Cool Spring—Jonathan W. Tripp.
Elm Grove—Not represented.
Ephesus—W. M. Faulkner.
Friendship—W. J. Moore.
Greensboro'—Elder P. H. Fontaine and D. H. LaPish.
Good Will—Elder Pinkney Oliver.
Hillsboro'—A. P. Stroud and J. E. Jones.
Hogan's Creek—H. A. Terrell.
Kerr's Chapel—Woods Covington, Thomas W. Graves and Bedford A. Boswell.
Leaksville—Not represented.
Mayfield—A. F. DeLancey.
Madison—Wm. A. Foy and Milton Stamps.
Mars Hill—Elder F. M. Jordan and John Jordan.
Milton—J. J. Yarborough.
Mill Creek—Jno. B. Link and Jno. D. Wilkerson.
Mt. Hermon—James L. Neal and A. C. Hunter.
Mt. Olive—A. E. Smith and G. Page.
Providence—Drury Gravitt.
Red Bank—E. W. Marshall, J. Guthrie and T. J. Valentine.
Summerfield—Dr. S. A. Powell.
Trinity—Calvin Graves, Az. Graves and R. W. Lawson.
Yanceyville—Jas. Poteat, J. J. Lawson and General Wm. Lea.

Elder J. J. James was elected Moderator, and D. H. LaPish Clerk.

An invitation having been extended to visiting brethren, the following persons reported, and were welcomed to seats with us, viz: Elder E. N. Gwynn, Corresponding Messenger from the Yadkin, and Elder J. B. Jackson, Corresponding Messenger from the Liberty Association. Also Prof. W. T. Walters, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Domestic Missions of North Carolina; Elder J. F. B.

Mays, Missionary of this Association, and brother T. M. Hughes, agent for the S. S. & Publication Board of N. C.

On motion, appointed the pastor and deacons of the Kerr's Chapel church a committee on religious exercises.

The following brethren were appointed a Committee of Arrangements, viz: Elder S. G. Mason, Jas. Poteat, and T. D. Oldham.

In the absence of the Committee on Periodicals, the chair announced Elders Geo. W. Griffin, E. Dodson, and F. M. Jordan, a Committee, in lieu of the former, to report during the session.

By request, leave of absence, for the remainder of to-day, was granted to brother J. J. Lawson.

Moved, that we now appoint brethren to fill vacancies in Standing Committees, to report to this meeting. Adopted.

Whereupon, Elders S. G. Mason, R. A. Moore, and brother J. J. Yarborough were appointed on Foreign Missions.

On motion, appointed Wm. Lea, W. M. Faulkner and J. J. Yarborough, a Committee on Finance.

Moved, that an opportunity be given Prof. Walters to lay the claims of the State Mission Board before the Association on to morrow. Adopted.

The Association then adjourned to 9 o'clock A. M., tomorrow, with prayer by Elder Jordan.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Association met, and was opened with religious exercises, conducted by Elder Geo. W. Griffin.

The Moderator took the chair and called the Association to order.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

On motion, the clerk called the roll, and read the Constitution and Rules of Order and Decorum.

Called for the report of the Committee of Arrangements. The Committee offered their report, and on motion it was adopted.

It was moved that Elder E. Dodson, and brother Az. Graves act as Assistant Clerks, in reading the letters from the churches, which was adopted, and the Association then listened to the reading of said letters.

Called on delegates not here yesterday to report; brethren A. E. Smith, and G. Page reported, and their names were enrolled.

Called for the report of the Executive Committee. They submitted their report, also the reports made to them by Elders Mays and F. H. Jones, missionaries under their appointment, which elicited a protracted discussion, in which Elders Mays and Griffin, and brother Wilkerson engaged.

On motion, the report, and appendixes, were laid on the table.

Elder J. D. Hufham, editor of the *Biblical Recorder* and Corresponding Messenger from the Central Association having arrived was welcomed to, and took a seat with us.

Pursuant to the adopted order of business, the Association, listened to the report on State Missions, submitted by Elder James. Pending the adoption of the report the Association adjourned for one hour.

SATURDAY, P. M.

The Association met, and it was opened with singing, conducted by Elder Mason.

The subject of State Missions having been resumed, Elder W. T. Walters addressed the meeting at some length in behalf of the State Mission Board, located at Raleigh, after which a collection was taken, and the amount of $235,80, in money, and $158,50 in pledges was received and paid to Elder Walters, to aid the work of State Missions.

It was moved that the following report be received.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The subject is one of vast importance, and claims, at this time, all the energies and resources which the Baptists of the State have to bestow upon it.

There have ever been in North Carolina large sections of country, beside many neighborhoods, destitute, or nearly so, of the preached gospel, whose inhabitants, though living in a christian land, are nevertheless sitting in the darkness and shadow of death, and know little more of salvation through Christ, than the heathen of China or Africa. These destitute places can be reached only by sending out missionaries to visit them and proclaim to the benighted people the word of eternal life. Paul, the Apostle, says, "Faith comes by hearing, but how can they hear without a preacher, and how can he preach except he be sent." "Go ye," says the Lord, "into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in that my house may be filled." To the testimony of the divine record we may add, that no truth is more clearly settled by the entire history of the church, than that the enlargement of Christ's kingdom on the earth has been inseparably connected with the zeal and self-denying efforts of his followers. While God graciously gives the increase, it is a part of the divine arrangement that there shall be a Paul to plant and an Apollos to water. The seed must be sown before it will germinate, the plant cultivated ere it brings forth fruit to perfection. When this is done, as the Master has directed, we have a right to expect the divine blessing. "For we are laborers together with God: Ye are God's husbandry."

But we need not employ space in proving what all enlightened christians must admit. The work is before us. Let us briefly survey the field and see what remains to be done.

In addition to the destitution above referred to, by the ravages and desolations of the terrible war through which we have just passed, *hundreds* and *perhaps thousands* of places, where divine worship was heretofore regularly kept up, are now but waste places in our languishing Zion. The congregations have become scattered, and the churches, in many cases, disorganized. Such places need rebuilding, that the things may be strengthened that remain; but without ministerial labor such work cannot be performed; disorganized churches in most cases being unable to support a regular ministry. The work then is abundant, perhaps more abundant than at any former period. "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few." The laborers are comparatively few to so great a work. But even of these, many who might labor to good account are kept from it by the pressing temporal wants of their families. They go not up to the work because *they are not sent.*

The question then occurs, what can be done to bring these labourers into the vineyard of the Lord? Your Committee can see no way by which this can be effected except through the liberality of the churches. In their deep poverty let their free-will offerings "abound to the riches of their liberality." God in his providence is calling his people to renewed efforts of zeal and love in his cause, and each one, however honored or humble, should ask seriously, and with a view to do his duty, "Lord what wilt thou have me to do?"

Before closing this report your Committee deem it proper to call attention to our Convention, as the body especially organized to promote the cause of missions and ministerial education within the State. It is the province of the Convention so far as it is able, to supply all the destitution in the State East of the mountains. But without the co-operation of the Associations and churches and their contributions to the cause the Convention can effect but little. Could it command the means, what a door is now opened, for its benevolent efforts. At its last session, which occurred in May last, great harmony prevailed in its deliberations, and an unusual degree of zeal and energy was apparent among its members. Shall we not all "go up to the help of the Lord; to the help of the Lord against the mighty?"

J. J. JAMES, Chairman.

The 12th article of the Constitution was amended as follows:

An Executive Committee, consisting of five brethren, shall be appointed annually, to co-operate with the State Mission Board of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, in supplying destitute churches and neighborhoods in the bounds of this Association with the preaching of the gospel, and shall make an annual report of their doings to this body. Their special duty shall be to assist the State Board in selecting fields of missionary labor in this Association, in obtaining laborers to occupy them, and in superintending and directing them, and in the collection of funds. Any three members of this committee shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

By request, Elder Gwynn, Corresponding Messenger from the Yadkin Association, obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the meeting.

The Association then joined in singing and prayer, conducted by Elder Gwynn, and adjourned until 9 o'clock, A. M., Monday.

SABBATH.

Services were held at the stand to-day as follows: Elder S. G. Mason preached at 10 o'clock, from I Tim. I: 15., Elder Geo. W. Griffin at 11 o'clock, on Christian Conflict from Eph. VI: 10—17. Elder J. F. B. Mays, at 2 1-2 o'clock, on Slothfulness, from Matt. XXV: 18.

There were about twenty-five hundred in attendance to-day.

MONDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Association met, and opened with religious exercises by Elder Dodson.

On motion, took up the report of the Executive Committee, and the report of Elder F. H. Jones to said Committee was read. The reports brought forth a lengthy and rather desultory discussion, consuming most of the morning, in which the following brethren participated, viz: Elders Griffin and Mays, and brethren Powell, LaPish, Az. Graves, T. J. Valentine, and Thomas W. Graves. There being a difference of opinion in regard to the employment of a definite number of missionaries and colporteurs, and the cultivation of stated localities, the reports were recommitted for amendment.

The chair announced the following brethren a committee to nominate an Executive Committee for the ensuing year, viz: Elder E. Dodson, and brethren Oldham and Glenn.

Moved to suspend the regular order of business to admit the reports on Periodicals and Sabbath Schools. Adopted, after remarks by Elder Jordan.

Elder Griffin, from the Committee on Periodicals, offered their report. Pending the adoption of the report, remarks were made by Elders Griffin, Dodson, Jordan, James and Fontaine, and brethren Oldham, LaPish and T. W. Graves, and a number of subscribers and pledges to the *Biblical Recorder* were obtained, after which the following was adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

It is the opinion of the Committee that much is lost to our denomination by rejecting our religious organs. We cannot fully estimate the value to our families of the judiciously edited paper. It gathers important information from the various sources and brings it to our children, wives and dependents, to their spiritual comfort and mental development. We would therefore earnestly urge our brethren to use great diligence in securing subscribers to the RECORDER, so that it may not only become self-sustaining, but may be able to secure contributions of the highest order of talent. It is the opinion of this Committee that we cannot neglect the paper without loss to our spiritual character and injury to our christian influence. Love to our Zion should lead us to a hearty support of the RECORDER.

The child's paper, called "KIND WORDS," published by the Sunday School Board, at Greenville, S. C., has strong claims upon our denomination, which ought not to be lost sight of. This Board will furnish ten copies to one address for one dollar per annum. Address G. G. Wells, Greenville, S. C.

Took up the report of the Executive Committee, as amended, and on motion, it was adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee for the last Associational year, beg leave to submit the following report of their operations in the bounds of the Beulah Association.

Owing to the war that has lately terminated, placing us in a crippled condition, as regards our monetary affairs, we thought it prudent not to operate extensively. We found brother Mays, who was providentially thrown amongst us, and we employed him as a missionary, to travel in the bounds of the Association, at the rate of fifty dollars per month, commencing from 22d of March of the present year, until the meeting of the present Association, the amount to be collected on the field by the missionary.

Brother Mays reports to us that he has labored three months, and that he preached thirty-three times, had one hundred and twenty-two religious conversations, and prayed with many families. He has persuaded the members of our churches to keep up Sabbath Schools, and tried to get them to take the *Recorder*, &c. He also reports great destitution within the bounds of the Association, and he also reports to us verbally, that he has not received any funds.

We also report that we employed brother F. H. Jones, as missionary for the county of Rockingham, from August, 1864 to August, 1865, at the rate of two thousand dollars in Confederate money, and he reports to us that he preached one hundred and seventy-five times, prayed with one hundred and two families, held one hundred and ninety-seven religious conversations; conversions sixty-eight; collected for the *Recorder* $140,00; and Associational Missions, $254,00. And we report that he has been paid his salary, all but $579,00 in Confederate money, and we recommend to pay him the sum of fifty dollars in present currency, for the balance due.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. LEA, *Chirman.*

On motion, called for the report on Sabbath Schools. Brother LaPish, in behalf of, the committee, offered the following

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Of the twenty-six churches in our Association, only thirteen report Sabbath Schools. There seems to be a great want of effort in this department of christian labor. We would insist that the idea that Sabbath Schools are for children only, is a very erroneous one; that we, as christians, are duty bound to study the Holy Scriptures, to the end we may know the will of our heavenly Father; and that the Sabbath School is a suitable place to teach and be taught, and that it is the duty of christians to go with their own or other children, and either teach or become pupils. Teachers, we entreat you, that in your Sabbath School labors, you keep constantly in view the salvation of souls.

The abstract giving the statistics as far as heard from was read.

Pending the adoption of the report, remarks were made by Elders Dodson, Hardwick, Griffin, Jordan and Fontaine, and brethren Valentine, T. W. Graves, Az. Graves, Wm. Lea and LaPish, and a short address by brother Thos. M. Hughes, Agent for the Sunday School and Publication Board of North Carolina. Elders Dodson and Griffin, and brother James Poteat, pledged $5,00 each to aid the Sunday School Board, and the amount of $7,00, in cash, was received and paid to the same object.

On motion, the report, with the following resolutions, offered by Elder Griffin and brother A. Graves were adopted.

Resolved, That Sabbath Schools, should be composed of adults and children and that it is the duty of every professing christian to teach or be taught in the same.

Resolved, That the ministers and delegates composing this Association, pledge their best endeavors to establish and maintain Sabbath Schools, both white and colored within the bounds of this Association.

Moved that we adjourn for half an hour. Adopted.

MONDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Association met and joined in religious exercises, conducted by Elder Dodson.

Pursuant to the regular order of business, the Committee on Finance submitted their report, which was adopted.

In compliance with a request from the Greensboro Church, the following brethren, viz Elders S. G. Mason and F. H. Jones and Dr. S. A. Powell, were appointed a committee to confer with the said church on Saturday before the 1st Sabbath in September, proximo, to aid in the settlement of difficulties there.

Called on Corresponding Messengers to sister Associations, to report. Elder Dodson reported that he could not attend the Yadkin, and Elder P. Oliver, that he did not know of his appointment to the Blue Ridge Association.

The following appointments of Corresponding Messengers were made, viz: to the

Flat River Association—Brethren John W. Hunt, and J. D. Wilkerson

Roanoke Association—Elders S. G. Mason and J. F. Hardwick.

Dan River Association—Elder R. A. Moore, and brother W. M. Faulkner.

Sandy Creek Association—Brethren D. M. Sykes, T. D. Oldham, Chesley Moore and A. P. Stroud.

Blue Ridge Association—Elders Geo. W. Griffin, Julius Terrell, A. H. Barnes and J. H. Caudle.

Yadkin Association—Elders E. Dodson and P. Oliver.

Liberty Association—Elder E. Dodson, and brethren S. A. Powell, D. H. LaPish and J. J. Yarborough.

Called upon Standing Presbytery to report. Elder Jordan, in behalf of the presbytery reported, that they had not been called upon to perform ordination, or the constitution of a church during the past year.

Called for the report on Temperance. Brother Az. Graves, in behalf of the committee, reported that they had not prepared a report, plead excuses, and

On motion, it was agreed to pass over the Temperance report.

Called for the report on Foreign Missions, which was presented by brother R. A. Moore, read, amended and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Brother Yates is the only missionary from North Carolina. He is laboring in China, and is doing a good work.

Resolved, That it is our duty to contribute our proportion to his support that he may continue his successful labors among the heathen, though we may be required to make great sacrifices to accomplish this end.

Resolved, That it is not expedient to enlarge our Foreign Missionary operations while our pecuniary embarrassments are so great, and while there is so much destitution within the State and Association.

On motion, appointed the following delegates to the N. C. Baptist State Convention which is to meet in the city of Wilmington in May next: to-wit: All the ministers of this Association, and brethren Az. Graves, Gen. Wm. Lea, W. A. Bradsher, Jas. Poteat, Thos. K. Glenn, D. H. LaPish, T. D. Oldham, Jno. W. Graves, Dr. S. A. Powell, Wm. J. Moore, T. J. Valentine and Thos. Slade, and it was agreed that any brother in Wilmington at that time may be recognized as delegates of this Association.

Elder Dodson, from the committee to nominate an Executive Committee for the ensuing year, offered the following names: brethren J. J. James, F. M. Jordan, Jas. Poteat, S. A. Powell, and Thos. K. Glenn. Adopted.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the members of this Association do hereby promise to aid and assist the Executive Committee of this body, in raising funds to meet the expenses of said Committee in supplying the destitution within the bounds of this Association.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Association be, and they are hereby tendered to the friends of this community for the kind and hospitable manner with which they have entertained the members of this body.

Resolved, That we recommend this Association to correspond, by Minutes, with the Goshen Association of Virginia, and with the Union Association in North Caroliaa.

Resolved, That each of the preachers supplying churches in the bounds of this Association, be requested to preach at least two sermons on the distinctive features of the Denomination during each Associational year.

Moved that the pastor of the Kerr's chapel church be requested to publish the second resolution from the pulpit on Sabbath next. Adopted.

The following resolution was offered, and, on motion, it was laid on the table:

Resolved, That the Executive Committee appoint and direct the labors of two or more colporteurs to labor within the bounds of this Association for the ensuing Associational year.

Moved that the Moderator appoint the Standing Committees for the ensuing year, and place in the hands of the Clerk, for publication in the minutes. Adopted.

The following brethren were appointed on said committee, to report to the next session of the Association, viz:

On Sabbath Schools.—Jas. Poteat and D. H. LaPish.

On Periodicals.—Elder F. M. Jordan and T. D. Oldham.

On Temperance.—E. Dodson and Robert Lawson.

On State Missions.—S. G. Mason and Az. Graves.

On Foreign Missions.—George W. Griffin and Milton Stamps.

On Education.—P. H. Fontaine and Dr. S. A. Powell.

Invitations from four churches, having been extended to the Association to meet with them next session, it was moved that we meet with Mt. Olive church, ten miles west of Germanton, in Stokes county. Adopted, after remarks by Elders Jordan and Griffin and brother T. W. Graves.

Ordered, that the amount advanced by the Clerk for printing the minutes of last year, be paid to him.

Moved, that the clerk have 500 copies of the minutes printed for distribution. Adopted, after remarks by brethren Thos. W. Graves, D. H. LaPish, and others. The minutes of to-day were read, corrected and approved.

Ordered that the clerk be paid $15,00 for his services.

After a brief and appropriate address by Elder James, the Association adjourned to meet with Mt. Olive church, on Friday before the second Lord's day in Aug., 1867.

Prayer by Elder Jordan. Benediction by the Moderator.

J. J. JAMES, *Moderator*.

DANIEL H. LAPISH, *Clerk*.

[ABSTRACT A.]

Report on Sabbath Schools.

CHURCHES AND THEIR SCHOOLS.	Organized.	Pres. No. Pupils	Teachers.		No. Conversions	Contributions.
			Males.	Females.		
Beulah,		15	3	1		
Beaver Island,	May, '64	37	3	6		
Cane Creek and 2 Branch,	"	175				
Clement, Br. Wood's School House,	May, '63	25	3	3		
Cool Spring,	April, '64.					
Greensboro',	Feb. '59.	212	9	14		
and 2 branches,	May, '66.					
Hillsboro',	1848.	27	4	3		
Madison,		25	4	3	2	
Milton		45	2	4		
and br. Mill M. House,	Jan. '58.	35	3	5		
Mill Creek,		45	4	4		
Mt. Hermon,		40	3	3		
Yanceyville,	1864.	72				
br. Providence,		25	5	11		
Br. Poteat's Chapel,		21	1	3		
Elm Grove,						
Total known,		799	40	57	2	

A request that each church will report *in full*, in the future on Sabbath Schools.—COMMITTEE.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Dr.			Cr.
On hand for printing minutes,	$11 70	Pd for pub. 300 copies Minutes,	$25 00
" " Asso. Missions,	5 17	" postage and stationery	85
		" Clerk,	15 00
Rec'd Dr. Winchester for minutes	3 00	" bal. to Elder H. Min. '64,	3 00
Rec'd Financial Committee,	322 90	On hand for Asso. Missions,	242 00
" Elder Dodson, for For. Mis.	1 00	" " For. Missions,	13 75
" Elder Mason,	3 00	" " Ed. & S. S.,	2 00
Amt. State Missions,	165 00	" " Contingent Fund,	44 80
" Sum'f'd ch. Asso. Mis.	20 00	Amt. in hands of Elder Mays,	20 00
		" Pd. Elder Walters,	165 00
Total,	$531 82		
		Total,	$531 00

Beulah church, for Home Missions, $20,50; Education, 4,00.
Friendship, " " 25,00.

DANIEL H. LAPISH, *Treasurer.*

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	Baptized.	Rec'd by letter	Dis. by letter.	Expelled.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Total.	Ass. Fund.	Ass. Missions.	Ch. Meetings.
Beulah,	R. A. Moore,	W. R. Pleasants,	Milton.	4	4				2	46	$ 3 00	$45 00	3rd
Beaver Island,	Geo. W. Griffin,	J. A. Vernon,	Madison.	1	2				1	38	2 50		2nd
Cane Creek,	F. M. Jordan,	Thos. J. Cates,	Rock Spring.	16	3	10	10		5	245	3 00	10 00	1st
Clement,	F. M. Jordan,	Thos. K. Glenn,	Bushy Fork.			1	1		1	56	2 75	15 00	3rd
Cool Spring,	F. M. Jordan,	F. M. Jordan, pro tem.,	Hillsboro'.	2			2			42	2 00	6 00	
Elm Grove,		Jno. Deans,	Greensboro'.										
Ephesus,	Joel F. Hardwick,	Obadiah Faulkner,	Cunningham's Store.	2						48	4 00	37 25	2nd
Friendship,		Jno. Ferguson,	Wilson's Store.			2	2			73	4 00	25 00	
Greensboro',	P. H. Fontaine,	D. H. LaPish,	Greensboro'.	1		4		1	2	54	4 75		1st
Good Will,	P. Oliver,	Robert Jones,	Salem.	4	10				1	29	1 55	25	4th
Hillsboro',	N. W. Wilson,	J. E. Jones,	Hillsboro'.						5	102	2 00	35 60	4th
Hogan's Creek,	F. H. Jones,	F. H. Jones, pro tem.,	Reidsville.	11		1			1	56	2 00	19 15	4th
Kerr's Chapel,	F. M. Jordan,	Thos. W. Graves,	Yanceyville.	23	1	1	3			86	2 30		
Leaksville,		C. G. Jones,	Leaksville.										
Mt. Olive,	J. H. Caudle,	A. Boyles,	Little Yadkin.	40			2		1	95	2 50		
Mayfield,	F. H. Jones,	Wm. Atkinson,	Mayfield,	4	1	3	1		1	42	1 60	2 25	3rd
Mars Hill,	A. D. Blackwood,	Wm. Ward,	Hillsboro'.			2				40	2 50	1 35	2nd
Mt. Hermon,	J. Howe l,	A. C. Hunter,	"	12		1	5		3	130	2 00		1st
Milton,	Unsupplied.	J. J. Yarborough,	Milton.	25					2	177	4 00	20 00	
Mill Creek,	J. E. Montague.	Jno. W. Hunt,	Roxboro'.	21	6	1	1		4	105	4 00		4th
Madison,	Geo. W. Griffin,	W. R. Lindsay,	Madison.	2	2	6	2			109	3 85	17 00	1st
Providence,	W. E. Oakley,	D. Gravit, protem.,	Roxboro'.							30	2 00		1st
Red Bank,	Wm. Turner,	Thos. J. Valentine,	Germanton.		1		2			33	3 00	26 00	3rd
Summerfield,	F. H. Jones,	Dr. J. W. Winchester,	Summerfield.	3	3	3			2	40	3 25	20 00	2nd
Trinity,	S. G. Mason,	Az. Graves,	Locust Hill.	29		2			3	65	4 00	2 35	3rd
Yanceyville,	S. G. Mason,	Jas. Poteat,	Yanceyville.	16	3	6	4		3	155	5 00		4th

In addition to the above, the church at Beulah gave $1,00 each for Education, Foreign Missions and S. Schools. Summerfield gave 11,75 for Foreign Missions.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be called the Beulah Baptist Association.

2. This Association shall be composed of—first, all the ordained ministers who are members of, or have the pastoral charge of, the churches within this Associational district, who shall be members of the Association *ex-officio*; secondly, not more than three delegates from each church within the district aforesaid, who shall produce letters from the churches certifying their appointment; in which said letters shall be stated the numerical standing of said churches—showing their additions, losses and changes of membership, since the last annual Association.

3. The Association shall be held at least once a year, at such time and place as they may appoint; and shall be opened and closed with prayer.

4. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer; the two last offices, however, may be held by the same individual, should such be the pleasure of the Association.

5. The officers aforesaid shall be chosen at each annual session of the Association, by ballot or nomination, as may be the pleasure of a majority of the members; and the Clerk shall be eligible to continue in office until another is appointed; and shall at all times perform the duties of Treasurer, unless another individual be appointed to the latter office.

6. The Association shall have no right to interfere with the internal regulation of the churches, but may tender them advice, and in case any of them should become corrupt in doctrine or practice, exclude such from their fellowship; and shall also have the power to adopt such measures as may be deemed proper to promote the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom.

7. All committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

8. A committee of Arrangements shall be appointed, of which the Moderator and Clerk shall be members *ex-officio*.

9. It shall be the duty of the committee of Arrangements to prepare the business of the Association, and to consider the expediency or inexpediency of bringing any matter before the Association. The action of the committee, however, in relation to any matter, shall not be conclusive; and any matter or proposition which may be rejected by them, may be brought before the Association by any member thereof who may not concur in that decision.

10. It shall be the duty of the Association to deliberate on the matter prepared by the committee, whether queries or propositions from the churches, or suggestions from the committee, and to make such responses, and to offer such counsels as may be deemed fit and proper.

11. The Association may invite Baptist ministers (who may be present) to a seat in their body, who shall be admitted to the privileges of counsel and debate only.

12. An Executive Committee, consisting of five brethren, shall be appointed annually to co-operate with the State Mission Board of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, in supplying destitute churches and neighborhoods in the bounds of this Association with the preaching of the gospel, and shall make an annual report of their doings to this body. Their special duty shall be to assist the State Board in selecting fields of missionary labor in this Association, in obtaining laborers to occupy them, and in superintending and directing them, and in the collection of funds. Any three members of this committee shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

13. The Constitution may be altered or amended, at the annual meeting of the Association, by a vote of two-thirds of the whole body.

14. The power of appointing Presbyteries for the ordination of ministers

and the constitution of churches within this district, shall be vested in this Association. And it shall be the duty of the Association at each annual session to appoint a standing Presbytery, to attend to all requests from the churches relating to these matters, during the succeeding Associational year, and until a new presbytery be appointed.

RULES OF ORDER AND DECORUM.

1. The Moderator shall take the chair, every day, during the session, at the hour appointed at the adjournment, and call the members to order, and on the appearance of a quorum, cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read.

2. He shall preserve decorum and order, and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Association by any member.

3. He shall rise to put a question, but may state it sitting. He shall have the right to call any member to perform the duties of the chair temporarily.

4. The Moderator shall not vote on any question, unless the Association be equally divided.

5. He shall not speak in debate while occupying the chair, but may call another to the chair, and then he shall have the privilege of speaking in common with any other member.

6. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Association, he shall rise from his seat and address himself to the Moderator.

7. When two or more members rise at the same time, the Moderator shall name the person to speak first.

8. No man shall speak more than twice on the same question, without leave of the Association.

9. No member shall absent himself, finally, from the Association without leave.

10. Decency of speech shall be observed, and personal reflections avoided.

11. Whilst the Moderator is putting any question, or addressing the Association, no person shall speak, stand up, or walk out or across the house; nor when a member is speaking, entertain private discourse, stand up, or pass between him and the Moderator.

12. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to a day certain, to commit or amend—which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand arranged.

13. All committees shall consist of three members, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

15. A select committee shall be appointed on the first day of the Association, to select the ministers who are to preach on Saturday and the succeeding days of the meeting, and give notice thereof to the respective ministers, whose duty it shall be to conform to the arrangements thus made.

16. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be put by the Moderator, unless withdrawn by the mover.

17. No standing rules shall be rescinded, altered or suspended, unless by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

18. The Constitution and Rules of Order and Decorum shall be read on Saturday of each session of this Association.

THE BIBLICAL RECORDER.

NEW VOLUME.

THE BIBLICAL RECORDER, for more than thirty years, the organ of the Baptists of North Carolina, is again before the public and offers to those who need—and all *do need*—a religious and family newspaper, greater inducements than ever before. The Editor, who has had the management of it for the last five years, is now assisted by Rev. W. M. Wingate, D. D., President of Wake Forest College, who is too well known as a writer, scholar, and preacher, to need commendation here. The RECORDER has an able corps of contributors, including such names as Rev. W. Hooper, D. D., L. L. D.; Rev. T. E. Skinner, D. D.; Rev. A. McDowell; Rev. J. L. Reynolds, D. D.; Rev. E. T. Winkler, D. D.; Rev. T. W. Tobey; Prof. W. T. Walters; Prof. W. Royall; Rev. T. H. Pritchard; and a host of others of the best known and best beloved men in the denomination.

The RECORDER gives, weekly, the latest intelligence of the religious movements in all parts of the world, and especially in our own denomination. Able correspondents in every Southern State keep the reader advised as to the progress of the Baptist cause in the region in which we are all most deeply interested. It has a word for every christian. The children are not neglected. They have a department of their own, carefully edited. While the RECORDER scrupulously avoids politics, it gives a weekly summary of the most important secular news, market reports, &c., so that those who take it will not need another paper.

WHAT IS SAID OF IT.

Of the many complimentary notices which we are constantly receiving, we give the following:

The *Sentinel*, of this city, says, "our friend Hufham, and his excellent paper, deserve a magnificent support from the Baptists of the State. Through the greatest obstacles, and, we judge, with only a tithe of the pecuniary help he ought to have had, he has been giving to the Baptist denomination in this State, since the war closed, the best paper they have ever had. We trust they are rallying to its support."

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OF THE

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OF THE

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LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Names.	Address.	Names.	Address.
A. H. Barnes,	Madison, N. C.	J. J. James,	Yanceyville, N. C.
J. H. Caudle,	Little Yadkin, N. C.	F. H. Jones,	Hillsdale, N. C.
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W. S. Fontain,	Greensboro', N. C.	R. A. Moore,	Milton, N. C.
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Geo. W. Griffin,	Madison, N. C.	Julius Tyrrell,	Francisco.
Joel F. Hardwick,		N. W. Wilson,	Chapel Hill.
F. M. Jordan,	Hillsboro', N. C.		

LICENTIATES.

Jno. W. Hall, Madison, N. C.
W. W. Petree, Germanton, N. C.

The following brethren perform pastoral labor in this Association, viz:—Elders Blackwood, Howell, Montague, Oakley and Turner.

ERRATA.

On page 5, last line before report on State Missions, read “adopted” after “received.”

On page 6, before “J. J. James,” read “Respectfully submitted.”

On page 7, read “persons” after “twenty-five hundred.”

On page 9, read “See page 12,” in second line.

On page 10, read “brethren” in the eighth line after Report on Foreign Missions.

On page 10 and 11, the resolutions should be numbered 1st, 2nd, &c.

On page 12, instead of “A request” read “We request.” Printer omitted several columns of Report on S. S.

In Treasurer's Report, read amount State Missions, 165,05 for 165,00; On hand for Asso. Missions, 242,38 for 242.00; Paid Elder Walter-165,05 for 165,00; Total, 531,82 for 531.00.

At bottom of Treasurer's report, read “Pledged Beulah, &c., Friendship, &c.”

In Statistical Table read “Excluded,” for “Expelled”

On page 14, read “Appendix,” before “Constitution”

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viz:—

PROCEEDINGS.

Friday Morning, Aug. 10th, 1866.

The Association met, pursuant to adjournment.

Elder F. H. Jones being absent, the Introductory Sermon ras delivered by Elder W. T. Walters, from Matt. xix: 29.

After an intermission of one hour, the delegates assem- led, and the exercises were opened by the former Moderator with reading ciii Ps., a brief address, singing, nd prayer by Elder J. J. James.

On motion, proceeded to call the names of the churches nd enroll the delegates present, viz:

eulah—Thos. A. Wilson, and W. R. Pleasants.
eaver Island—Letter.
ane Creek—David M. Sykes, Thomas D. Oldham and Chesley Moore.
lement Thomas K. Glenn, W. A. Bradshaw and Jno. S. Coleman.
ool Spring—Jonathan W. Tripp.
lm Grove—Not represented.
phesus—W. M. Faulkner.
riendship—W. J. Moore.
reensboro'—Elder P. H. Fontaine and D. H. LaPish.
ood Will—Elder Pinkney Oliver.
illsboro'—A. P. Stroud and J. E. Jones.
ogan's Creek—H. A. Terrell.
err's Chapel—Woods Covington, Thomas W. Graves and Bedford A. Boswell.
eaksville—Not represented.
ayfield—A. F. DeLancey.
adison—Wm. A. Foy and Milton Stamps.
ars Hill—Elder F. M. Jordan and John Jordan.
ilton—J. J. Yarborough.
ill Creek—Jno. B. Link and Jno. D. Wilkerson.
t. Hermon—James L. Neal and A. C. Hunter.
t. Olive—A. E. Smith and G. Page.
rovidence—Drury Gravitt.
ed Bank—E. W. Marshall, J. Guthrie and T. J. Valentine.
ummerfield—Dr. S. A. Powell.
rinity—Calvin Graves, Az. Graves and R. W. Lawson.
anceyville—Jas. Poteat, J. J. Lawson and General Wm. Lea.

Elder J. J. James was elected Moderator, and D. H. aPish Clerk.

An invitation having been extended to visiting brethren, ie following persons reported, and were welcomed to seats ith us, viz: Elder E. N. Gwynn, Corresponding Messen- er from the Yadkin, and Elder J. B. Jackson, Correspond- g Messenger from the Liberty Association. Also Prof. . T. Walters, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of omestic Missions of North Carolina; Elder J. F. B.

Mays, Missionary of this Association, and brother T. M. Hughes, agent for the S. S. & Publication Board of N. C.

On motion, appointed the pastor and deacons of the Kerr's Chapel church a committee on religious exercises.

The following brethren were appointed a Committee of Arrangements, viz: Elder S. G. Mason, Jas. Poteat, and T. D. Oldham.

In the absence of the Committee on Periodicals, the chair announced Elders Geo. W. Griffin, E. Dodson, and F. M. Jordan, a Committee, in lieu of the former, to report during the session.

By request,leave of absence, for the remainder of to-day, was granted to brother J. J. Lawson.

Moved, that we now appoint brethren to fill vacancies in Standing Committees, to report to this meeting. Adopted.

Whereupon, Elders S. G. Mason, R. A. Moore, and brother J. J. Yarborough were appointed on Foreign Missions.

On motion, appointed Wm. Lea, W. M. Faulkner and J. J. Yarborough, a Committee on Finance.

Moved, that an opportunity be given Prof. Walters to lay the claims of the State Mission Board before the Association on to morrow. Adopted.

The Association then adjourned to 9 o'clock A. M., to-morrow, with prayer by Elder Jordan.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Association met, and was opened with religious exercises, conducted by Elder Geo. W. Griffin.

The Moderator took the chair and called the Association to order.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

On motion, the clerk called the roll, and read the Constitution and Rules of Order and Decorum.

Called for the report of the Committee of Arrangements. The Committee offered their report, and on motion it was adopted.

It was moved that Elder E. Dodson, and brother Az Graves act as Assistant Clerks, in reading the letters from the churches, which was adopted, and the Association then listened to the reading of said letters.

Called on delegates not here yesterday to report; breth-
en A. E. Smith, and G. Page reported, and their names
ere enrolled.

Called for the report of the Executive Committee. They
ubmitted their report, also the reports made to them by
lders Mays and F. H. Jones, missionaries under their
ppointment, which elicited a protracted discussion, in
hich Elders Mays and Griffin, and brother Wilkerson
ngaged.

On motion, the report, and appendixes, were laid on the
ble.

Elder J. D. Hufham, editor of the *Biblical Recorder*
nd Corresponding Messenger from the Central Association
aving arrived was welcomed to, and took a seat with us.

Pursuant to the adopted order of business, the Association,
stened to the report on State Missions, submitted by Elder
ames. Pending the adoption of the report the Association
djourned for one hour.

SATURDAY, P. M.

The Association met, and it was opened with singing.
onducted by Elder Mason.

The subject of State Missions having been resumed, Elder
V. T. Walters addressed the meeting at some length in
ehalf of the State Mission Board, located at Raleigh, after
hich a collection was taken, and the amount of $235,80.
 money, and $158,50 in pledges was received and paid to
lder Walters, to aid the work of State Missions.

It was moved that the following report be received.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The subject is one of vast importance, and claims, at this time, all the ener-
es and resources which the Baptists of the State have to bestow upon it.

There have ever been in North Carolina large sections of country, beside
any neighborhoods, destitute, or nearly so, of the preached gospel, whose
habitants, though living in a christian land, are nevertheless sitting in the
rkness and shadow of death, and know little more of salvation through
hrist, than the heathen of China or Africa. These destitute places can be
ached only by sending out missionaries to visit them and proclaim to the
nighted people the word of eternal life. Paul, the Apostle, says, "Faith
mes by hearing, but how can they hear without a preacher, and how can he
each except he be sent." "Go ye," says the Lord, "into the highways and
dges and compel them to come in that my house may be filled." To the tes-
mony of the divine record we may add, that no truth is more clearly settled
 the entire history of the church, than that the [illegible] of Christ's
ngdom on the earth has been inseparably connected [illegible] self-

denying efforts of his followers. While God graciously gives the increase, it is a part of the divine arrangement that there shall be a Paul to plant and an Apollos to water. The seed must be sown before it will germinate, the plant cultivated ere it brings forth fruit to perfection. When this is done, as the Master has directed, we have a right to expect the divine blessing. "For we are laborers together with God: Ye are God's husbandry."

But we need not employ space in proving what all enlightened christians must admit. The work is before us. Let us briefly survey the field and see what remains to be done.

In addition to the destitution above referred to, by the ravages and desolations of the terrible war through which we have just passed, *hundreds* and *perhaps thousands* of places, where divine worship was heretofore regularly kept up, are now but waste places in our languishing Zion. The congregations have become scattered, and the churches, in many cases, disorganized. Such places need rebuilding, that the things may be strengthened that remain; but without ministerial labor such work cannot be performed; disorganized churches in most cases being unable to support a regular ministry. The work then is abundant, perhaps more abundant than at any former period. "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few." The laborers are comparatively few to so great a work. But even of these, many who might labor to good account are kept from it by the pressing temporal wants of their families. They go not up to the work because *they are not sent.*

The question then occurs, what can be done to bring these labourers into the vineyard of the Lord? Your Committee can see no way by which this can be effected except through the liberality of the churches. In their deep poverty let their free-will offerings "abound to the riches of their liberality." God in his providence is calling his people to renewed efforts of zeal and love in his cause, and each one, however honored or humble, should ask seriously, and with a view to do his duty, "Lord what wilt thou have me to do?"

Before closing this report your Committee deem it proper to call attention to our Convention, as the body especially organized to promote the cause of missions and ministerial education within the State. It is the province of the Convention so far as it is able, to supply all the destitution in the State East of the mountains. But without the co-operation of the Associations and churches and their contributions to the cause the Convention can effect but little. Could it command the means, what a door is now opened, for its benevolent efforts. At its last session, which occurred in May last, great harmony prevailed in its deliberations, and an unusual degree of zeal and energy was apparent among its members. Shall we not all "go up to the help of the Lord: to the help of the Lord against the mighty?"

J. J. JAMES, Chairman.

The 12th article of the Constitution was amended as follows:

An Executive Committee, consisting of five brethren, shall be appointed annually, to co-operate with the State Mission Board of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, in supplying destitute churches and neighborhoods in the bounds of this Association with the preaching of the gospel, and shall make an annual report of their doings to this body. Their special duty shall be to assist the State Board in selecting fields of missionary labor in this Association, in obtaining laborers to occupy them, and in superintending and directing them, and in the collection of funds. Any three members of this committee shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

By request, Elder Gwynn, Corresponding Messenger from the Yadkin Association, obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the meeting.

The Association then joined in singing and prayer, conducted by Elder Gwynn, and adjourned until 9 o'clock, A. M., Monday.

SABBATH.

Services were held at the stand to-day as follows: Elder S. G. Mason preached at 10 o'clock, from I Tim. I: 15., Elder Geo. W. Griffin at 11 o'clock, on Christian Conflict from Eph. VI: 10—17. Elder J. F. B. Mays, at 2 1-2 o'clock, on Slothfulness, from Matt. XXV: 18.

There were about twenty-five hundred in attendance to-day.

MONDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Association met, and opened with religious exercises by Elder Dodson.

On motion, took up the report of the Executive Committee, and the report of Elder F. H. Jones to said Committee was read. The reports brought forth a lengthy and rather desultory discussion, consuming most of the morning, in which the following brethren participated, viz: Elders Griffin and Mays, and brethren Powell, LaPish, Az. Graves, T. J. Valentine, and Thomas W. Graves. There being a difference of opinion in regard to the employment of a definite number of missionaries and colporteurs, and the cultivation of stated localities, the reports were recommitted for amendment.

The chair announced the following brethren a committee to nominate an Executive Committee for the ensuing year, viz: Elder E. Dodson, and brethren Oldham and Glenn.

Moved to suspend the regular order of business to admit the reports on Periodicals and Sabbath Schools. Adopted, after remarks by Elder Jordan.

Elder Griffin, from the Committee on Periodicals, offered their report. Pending the adoption of the report, remarks were made by Elders Griffin, Dodson, Jordan, James and Fontaine, and brethren Oldham, LaPish and T. W. Graves, and a number of subscribers and pledges to the *Biblical Recorder* were obtained, after which the following was adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

It is the opinion of the Committee that much is lost to our denomination by rejecting our religious organs. We cannot fully estimate the value to our families of the judiciously edited paper. It gathers important information from the various sources and brings it to our children, wives and dependents, to their spiritual comfort and mental development. We would therefore earnestly urge our brethren to use great diligence in securing subscribers to the RECORDER, so that it may not only become self-sustaining, but may be able to secure contributions of the highest order of talent. It is the opinion of this Committee that we cannot neglect the paper without loss to our spiritual character and injury to our christian influence. Love to our Zion should lead us to a hearty support of the RECORDER.

The child's paper, called "KIND WORDS," published by the Sunday School Board, at Greenville, S. C., has strong claims upon our denomination, which ought not to be lost sight of. This Board will furnish ten copies to one address for one dollar per annum. Address G. G. Wells, Greenville, S. C.

Took up the report of the Executive Committee, as amended, and on motion, it was adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee for the last Associational year, beg leave to submit the following report of their operations in the bounds of the Beulah Association.

Owing to the war that has lately terminated, placing us in a crippled condition, as regards our monetary affairs, we thought it prudent not to operate extensively. We found brother Mays, who was providentially thrown amongst us, and we employed him as a missionary, to travel in the bounds of the Association, at the rate of fifty dollars per month, commencing from 22d of March of the present year, until the meeting of the present Association, the amount to be collected on the field by the missionary.

Brother Mays reports to us that he has labored three months, and that he preached thirty-three times, had one hundred and twenty-two religious conversations, and prayed with many families. He has persuaded the members of our churches to keep up Sabbath Schools, and tried to get them to take the *Recorder*, &c. He also reports great destitution within the bounds of the Association, and he also reports to us verbally, that he has not received any funds.

We also report that we employed brother F. H. Jones, as missionary for the county of Rockingham, from August, 1864 to August, 1865, at the rate of two thousand dollars in Confederate money, and he reports to us that he preached one hundred and seventy-five times, prayed with one hundred and two families, held one hundred and ninety-seven religious conversations; conversions sixty-eight; collected for the *Recorder* $140,00; and Associational Missions, $254,00. And we report that he has been paid his salary, all but $579,00 in Confederate money, and we recommend to pay him the sum of fifty dollars in present currency, for the balance due.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. LEA, *Chirman.*

On motion, called for the report on Sabbath Schools. Brother LaPish, in behalf of the committee, offered the following

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Of the twenty-six churches in our Association, only thirteen report Sabbath Schools. There seems to be a great want of effort in this department of christian labor. We would insist that the idea that Sabbath Schools are for children only, is a very erroneous one; that we, as christians, are duty bound to study the Holy Scriptures, to the end we may know the will of our heavenly Father; and that the Sabbath School is a suitable place to teach and be taught, and that it is the duty of christians to go with their own or other children, and either teach or become pupils. Teachers, we entreat you, that in your Sabbath School labors, you keep constantly in view the salvation of souls.

The abstract giving the statistics as far as heard from was read.

Pending the adoption of the report, remarks were made by Elders Dodson, Hardwick, Griffin, Jordan and Fontaine, and brethren Valentine, T. W. Graves, Az. Graves, Wm. Lea and LaPish, and a short address by brother Thos. M. Hughes, Agent for the Sunday School and Publication Board of North Carolina. Elders Dodson and Griffin, and brother James Poteat, pledged $5,00 each to aid the Sunday School Board, and the amount of $7,00, in cash, was received and paid to the same object.

On motion, the report, with the following resolutions, offered by Elder Griffin and brother A. Graves were adopted.

Resolved, That Sabbath Schools, should be composed of adults and children and that it is the duty of every professing christian to teach or be taught in the same.

Resolved, That the ministers and delegates composing this Association, pledge their best endeavors to establish and maintain Sabbath Schools, both white and colored within the bounds of this Association.

Moved that we adjourn for half an hour. Adopted.

MONDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Association met and joined in religious exercises, conducted by Elder Dodson.

Pursuant to the regular order of business, the Committee on Finance submitted their report, which was adopted.

In compliance with a request from the Greensboro Church, the following brethren, viz Elders S. G. Mason and F. H. Jones and Dr. S. A. Powell, were appointed a committee to confer with the said church on Saturday before the 1st Sabbath in September, proximo, to aid in the settlement of difficulties there.

Called on Corresponding Messengers to sister Associations, to report. Elder Dodson reported that he could not attend the Yadkin, and Elder P. Oliver, that he did not know of his appointment to the Blue Ridge Association.

The following appointments of Corresponding Messengers were made, viz: to the

Flat River Association—Brethren John W. Hunt, and J. D. Wilkerson

Roanoke Association—Elders S. G. Mason and J. F. Hardwick.

Dan River Association—Elder R. A. Moore, and brother W. M. Faulkner.

Sandy Creek Association—Brethren D. M. Sykes, T. D. Oldham, Chesley Moore and A. P. Stroud.

Blue Ridge Association—Elders Geo. W. Griffin, Julius Terrell, A. H. Barnes and J. H. Caudle.

Yadkin Association—Elders E. Dodson and P. Oliver.

Liberty Association—Elder E. Dodson, and brethren S. A. Powell, D. H. LaPish and J. J. Yarborough.

Called upon Standing Presbytery to report. Elder Jordan, in behalf of the presbytery reported, that they had not been called upon to perform ordination, or the constitution of a church during the past year.

Called for the report on Temperance. Brother Az. Graves, in behalf of the committee, reported that they had not prepared a report, plead excuses, and

On motion, it was agreed to pass over the Temperance report.

Called for the report on Foreign Missions, which was presented by brother R. A. Moore, read, amended and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Brother Yates is the only missionary from North Carolina. He is laboring in China, and is doing a good work.

Resolved, That it is our duty to contribute our proportion to his support that he may continue his successful labors among the heathen, though we may be required to make great sacrifices to accomplish this end.

Resolved, That it is not expedient to enlarge our Foreign Missionary operations while our pecuniary embarrassments are so great, and while there is so much destitution within the State and Association.

On motion, appointed the following delegates to the N. C. Baptist State Convention which is to meet in the city of Wilmington in May next: to-wit: All the ministers of this Association, and brethren Az. Graves, Gen. Wm. Lea, W. A. Bradsher, Jas. Poteat, Thos. K. Glenn, D. H. LaPish, T. D. Oldham, Jno. W. Graves, Dr. S. A. Powell, Wm. J. Moore, T. J. Valentine and Thos. Slade, and it was agreed that any brother in Wilmington at that time may be recognized as delegates of this Association.

Elder Dodson, from the committee to nominate an Executive Committee for the ensuing year, offered the following names: brethren J. J. James, F. M. Jordan, Jas. Poteat, S. A. Powell, and Thos. K. Glenn. Adopted.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the members of this Association do hereby promise to aid and assist the Executive Committee of this body, in raising funds to meet the expenses of said Committee in supplying the destitution within the bounds of this Association.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Association be, and they are hereby tendered to the friends of this community for the kind and hospitable manner with which they have entertained the members of this body.

Resolved, That we recommend this Association to correspond, by Minutes, with the Goshen Association of Virginia, and with the Union Association in North Caroliaa.

Resolved, That each of the preachers supplying churches in the bounds of this Association, be requested to preach at least two sermons on the distinctive features of the Denomination during each Associational year.

Moved that the pastor of the Kerr's chapel church be requested to publish the second resolution from the pulpit on Sabbath next. Adopted.

The following resolution was offered, and, on motion, it was laid on the table:

Resolved, That the Executive Committee appoint and direct the labors of two or more colporteurs to labor within the bounds of this Association for the ensuing Associational year.

Moved that the Moderator appoint the Standing Committees for the ensuing year, and place in the hands of the Clerk, for publication in the minutes. Adopted.

The following brethren were appointed on said committee, to report to the next session of the Association, viz:

On Sabbath Schools.—Jas. Poteat and D. H. LaPish.

On Periodicals.—Elder F. M. Jordan and T. D. Oldham.

On Temperance.—E. Dodson and Robert Lawson.

On State Missions.—S. G. Mason and Az. Graves.

On Foreign Missions.—George W. Griffin and Milton Stamps.

On Education.—P. H. Fontaine and Dr. S. A. Powell.

Invitations from four churches, having been extended to the Association to meet with them next session, it was moved that we meet with Mt. Olive church, ten miles west of Germanton, in Stokes county. Adopted, after remarks by Elders Jordan and Griffin and brother T. W. Graves.

Ordered, that the amount advanced by the Clerk for printing the minutes of last year, be paid to him.

Moved, that the clerk have 500 copies of the minutes printed for distribution. Adopted, after remarks by brethren Thos. W. Graves, D. H. LaPish, and others. The minutes of to-day were read, corrected and approved.

Ordered that the clerk be paid $15,00 for his services.

After a brief and appropriate address by Elder James, the Association adjourned to meet with Mt. Olive church, on Friday before the second Lord's day in Aug., 1867.

Prayer by Elder Jordan. Benediction by the Moderator.

J. J. JAMES, *Moderator*.

DANIEL H. LAPISH, *Clerk*.

[ABSTRACT A.]

Report on Sabbath Schools.

CHURCHES AND THEIR SCHOOLS.	Organized.	Pres. No. Pupils	Teachers.		No. Conversions	Contributions.
			Males.	Females.		
Beulah,		15	3	1		
Beaver Island,	May, '64	37	3	6		
Cane Creek and 2 Branch,	“	175				
Clement, Br. Wood's School House,	May, '63	25	3	3		
Cool Spring,	April, '64.					
Greensboro', and 2 branches,	Feb. '59. May, '66.	212	9	14		
Hillsboro',	1848.	27	4	3		
Madison,		25	4	3	2	
Milton		45	2	4		
and br. Mill M. House,	Jan. '58.	35	3	5		
Mill Creek,		45	4	4		
Mt. Hermon,		40	3	3		
Yanceyville,	1864.	72				
br. Providence,		25	5	11		
Br. Poteat's Chapel,		21	1	3		
Elm Grove,						
Total known,		799	40	57	2	

A request that each church will report *in full*, in the future on Sabbath Schools.—COMMITTEE.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Dr.	
On hand for printing minutes,	$11 70
“ “ Asso. Missions,	5 17
Rec'd Dr. Winchester for minutes	3 00
Rec'd Financial Committee,	322 90
“ Elder Dodson, for For. Mis.	1 00
“ Elder Mason,	3 00
Amt. State Missions,	165 00
“ Sum'f'd ch. Asso. Mis.	20 00
Total,	$531 82

Cr.	
Pd for pub. 300 copies Minutes,	$25 00
“ postage and stationery	85
“ Clerk,	15 00
“ bal. to Elder H. Min. '64,	3 00
On hand for Asso. Missions,	242 00
“ “ For. Missions,	13 75
“ “ Ed. & S. S.,	2 00
“ “ Contingent Fund,	44 80
Amt. in hands of Elder Mays,	20 00
“ Pd. Elder Walters,	165 00
Total,	$531 00

Beulah church, for Home Missions, $20,50; Education, 4,00.
Friendship, “ “ 25,00.

DANIEL H. LAPISH, *Treasurer.*

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	Baptized.	Rec'd by letter	Dis. by letter.	Expelled.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Total.	Ass. Fund.	Ass. Missions.	Ch. Meetings.
Beulah,	R. A. Moore,	W. R. Pleasants,	Milton.	4	4				2	46	$ 3 00	$45 00	3rd
Beaver Island,	Geo. W. Griffin,	J. A. Vernon,	Madison.	1	2				1	38	2 50		2nd
Cane Creek,	F. M. Jordan,	Thos. J. Cates,	Rock Spring.	16	3	10	10		5	245	3 00	10 00	1st
Clement,	F. M. Jordan,	Thos. K. Glenn,	Bushy Fork.			1	1		1	56	2 75	15 00	3rd
Cool Spring,	F. M. Jordan,	F. M. Jordan, pro tem.,	Hillsboro'.	2			2			42	2 00	6 00	
Elm Grove,		Jno. Deans,	Greensboro'.										
Ephesus,	Joel F. Hardwick,	Obadiah Faulkner,	Cunningham's Store.	2						48	4 00	37 25	2nd
Friendship,		Jno. Ferguson,	Wilson's Store.			2	2			73	4 00	25 00	
Greensboro',	P. H. Fontaine,	D. H. LaPish,	Greensboro'.	1		4		1	2	54	4 75		1st
Good Will,	P. Oliver,	Robert Jones,	Salem.	4	10				1	29	1 55	25	4th
Hillsboro',	N. W. Wilson,	J. E. Jones,	Hillsboro'.						5	102	2 00	35 60	4th
Hogan's Creek,	F. H. Jones,	F. H. Jones, pro tem.,	Reidsville.	11		1			1	56	2 00	19 15	4th
Kerr's Chapel,	F. M. Jordan,	Thos. W. Graves,	Yanceyville.	23	1	1	3			86	2 30		
Leaksville,		C. G. Jones,	Leaksville.										
Mt. Olive,	J. H. Caudle,	A. Boyles,	Little Yadkin.	40			2		1	95	2 50		
Mayfield,	F. H. Jones,	Wm. Atkinson,	Mayfield,	4	1	3	1		1	42	1 60	2 25	3rd
Mars Hill,	A. D. Blackwood,	Wm. Ward,	Hillsboro'.			2				40	2 50	1 35	2nd
Mt. Hermon,	J. Howel,	A. C. Hunter,	"	12		1	5		3	130	2 00		1st
Milton,	Unsupplied.	J. J. Yarborough,	Milton.	25					2	177	4 00	20 00	
Mill Creek,	J. E. Montague.	Jno. W. Hunt,	Roxboro'.	21	6	1	1		4	105	4 00		4th
Madison,	Geo. W. Griffin,	W. R. Lindsay,	Madison.	2	2	6	2			109	3 85	17 00	1st
Providence,	W. E. Oakley,	D. Gravit, protem.,	Roxboro'.							30	2 00		1st
Red Bank,	Wm. Turner,	Thos. J. Valentine,	Germanton.		1		2			33	3 00	26 00	3rd
Summerfield,	F. H. Jones,	Dr. J. W. Winchester,	Summerfield.	3	3	3			2	40	3 25	20 00	2nd
Trinity,	S. G. Mason,	Az. Graves,	Locust Hill.	29		2			3	65	4 00	2 35	3rd
Yanceyville,	S. G. Mason,	Jas. Poteat,	Yanceyville.	16	3	6	4		3	155	5 00		4th

In addition to the above, the church at Beulah gave $1,00 each for Education, Foreign Missions and S. Schools. Summerfield gave 11,75 for Foreign Missions.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be called the Beulah Baptist Association.

2. This Association shall be composed of—first, all the ordained ministers who are members of, or have the pastoral charge of, the churches within this Associational district, who shall be members of the Association *ex-officio*; secondly, not more than three delegates from each church within the district aforesaid, who shall produce letters from the churches certifying their appointment; in which said letters shall be stated the numerical standing of said churches—showing their additions, losses and changes of membership, since the last annual Association.

3. The Association shall be held at least once a year, at such time and place as they may appoint; and shall be opened and closed with prayer.

4. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer; the two last offices, however, may be held by the same individual, should such be the pleasure of the Association.

5. The officers aforesaid shall be chosen at each annual session of the Association, by ballot or nomination, as may be the pleasure of a majority of the members; and the Clerk shall be eligible to continue in office until another is appointed; and shall at all times perform the duties of Treasurer, unless another individual be appointed to the latter office.

6. The Association shall have no right to interfere with the internal regulation of the churches, but may tender them advice, and in case any of them should become corrupt in doctrine or practice, exclude such from their fellowship; and shall also have the power to adopt such measures as may be deemed proper to promote the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom.

7. All committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

8. A committee of Arrangements shall be appointed, of which the Moderator and Clerk shall be members *ex-officio.*

9. It shall be the duty of the committee of Arrangements to prepare the business of the Association, and to consider the expediency or inexpediency of bringing any matter before the Association. The action of the committee, however, in relation to any matter, shall not be conclusive; and any matter or proposition which may be rejected by them, may be brought before the Association by any member thereof who may not concur in that decision.

10. It shall be the duty of the Association to deliberate on the matter prepared by the committee, whether queries or propositions from the churches, or suggestions from the committee, and to make such responses, and to offer such counsels as may be deemed fit and proper.

11. The Association may invite Baptist ministers (who may be present) to a seat in their body, who shall be admitted to the privileges of counsel and debate only.

12. An Executive Committee, consisting of five brethren, shall be appointed annually to co-operate with the State Mission Board of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, in supplying destitute churches and neighborhoods in the bounds of this Association with the preaching of the gospel, and shall make an annual report of their doings to this body. Their special duty shall be to assist the State Board in selecting fields of missionary labor in this Association, in obtaining laborers to occupy them, and in superintending and directing them, and in the collection of funds. Any three members of this committee shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

13. The Constitution may be altered or amended, at the annual meeting of the Association, by a vote of two-thirds of the whole body.

14. The power of appointing Presbyteries for the ordination of ministers

and the constitution of churches within this district, shall be vested in this Association. And it shall be the duty of the Association at each annual session to appoint a standing Presbytery, to attend to all requests from the churches relating to these matters, during the succeeding Associational year, and until a new presbytery be appointed.

RULES OF ORDER AND DECORUM.

1. The Moderator shall take the chair, every day, during the session, at the hour appointed at the adjournment, and call the members to order, and on the appearance of a quorum, cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read.

2. He shall preserve decorum and order, and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Association by any member.

3. He shall rise to put a question, but may state it sitting. He shall have the right to call any member to perform the duties of the chair temporarily.

4. The Moderator shall not vote on any question, unless the Association be equally divided.

5. He shall not speak in debate while occupying the chair, but may call another to the chair, and then he shall have the privilege of speaking in common with any other member.

6. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Association, he shall rise from his seat and address himself to the Moderator.

7. When two or more members rise at the same time, the Moderator shall name the person to speak first.

8. No man shall speak more than twice on the same question, without leave of the Association.

9. No member shall absent himself, finally, from the Association without leave.

10. Decency of speech shall be observed, and personal reflections avoided.

11. Whilst the Moderator is putting any question, or addressing the Association, no person shall speak, stand up, or walk out or across the house; nor when a member is speaking, entertain private discourse, stand up, or pass between him and the Moderator.

12. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to a day certain, to commit or amend—which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand arranged.

13. All committees shall consist of three members, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

15. A select committee shall be appointed on the first day of the Association, to select the ministers who are to preach on Saturday and the succeeding days of the meeting, and give notice thereof to the respective ministers, whose duty it shall be to conform to the arrangements thus made.

16. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be put by the Moderator, unless withdrawn by the mover.

17. No standing rules shall be rescinded, altered or suspended, unless by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

18. The Constitution and Rules of Order and Decorum shall be read on Saturday of each session of this Association.

THE BIBLICAL RECORDER.

NEW VOLUME.

THE BIBLICAL RECORDER, for more than thirty years, the organ of the Baptists of North Carolina, is again before the public and offers to those who need—and all *do need*—a religious and family newspaper, greater inducements than ever before. The Editor, who has had the management of it for the last five years, is now assisted by Rev. W. M. Wingate, D. D., President of Wake Forest College, who is too well known as a writer, scholar, and preacher, to need commendation here. The RECORDER has an able corps of contributors, including such names as Rev. W. Hooper, D. D., L. L. D.; Rev. T. E. Skinner, D. D.; Rev. A. McDowell; Rev. J. L. Reynolds, D. D.; Rev. E. T. Winkler, D. D.; Rev. T. W. Tobey; Prof. W. T. Walters; Prof. W. Royall; Rev. T. H. Pritchard; and a host of others of the best known and best beloved men in the denomination.

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WHAT IS SAID OF IT.

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The *Sentinel*, of this city, says, "our friend Hufham, and his excellent paper, deserve a magnificent support from the Baptists of the State. Through the greatest obstacles, and, we judge, with only a tithe of the pecuniary help he ought to have had, he has been giving to the Baptist denomination in this State, since the war closed, the best paper they have ever had. We trust they are rallying to its support."

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J. F. Hardwick,	Milton,	F. M. Jordan,	Hillsboro,

LICENTIATES.

John W. Hall, Madison, W. W. Petree, Germantown,
H. A. Brown, Hillsdale.

PROCEEDINGS.

FRIDAY, August 9th, 1867.

The Beulah Baptist Association met in its 34th Annual Session with the Mount Olive Baptist Church, Stokes County, N. C.

The Introductory sermon was delivered according to appointment, by Elder F. M. Jordan, from Mark xvi :—15–16.—"And he said unto them, go ye into all the world," &c.

After a recess, the Association was called to order by Elder S. G. Mason, and opened by singing, and prayer by Elder E. Dodson.

On motion, proceeded to call the roll of the churches, which exhibited the following delegation, viz :

Beulah.—B. Pleasant, Thos. Wilson.

Beaver Island.—James A. Vernon, John W. Hall.

Cane Creek.—E. H. Stubbins, D. M. Sykes, H. M. Cates.

Clement.—Not represented.

Cool Springs.—S. H. Workman,

Elm Grove.—Isaac Oaks, J. Ferguson,

Ephesus.—Letter.

Friendship.—Elder Julius Terrell, C. J. Carroll, John Ferguson.

Greensboro.—James Buchanan.

Good Will.—R Stanly.

Hillsboro.—Not represented.

Hogan's Creek.—Letter.

Kerr's Chapel.—Thomas W. Graves.
Leaksville.—Letter.
Mayfield.—Elder R. N. Lee.
Madison.—Letter.
Mar's Hill.—Elder F. M. Jordan.
Milton.—William Moore.
Mill Creek.—Letter.
Mt. Hermon.—Not represented.
Mt. Olive.—H. C. Gibson, Wm. Slate, James Bennett.
Oak Ridge.—J. M. Martin.
Providence.—Not represented.
Red Bank.– J. Guthrie, Thomas J. Valentine.
Summerfield.—Dr. S. A. Powell, Dr. J. W. Winchester.
Trinity.—George Graves, Henry Bushnell.
Yanceyville.—Gen'l. William Lea; F. J. Dennis, Jas. Poteat.

Elder S. G. Mason was elected Moderator, but declined to act. The Association then elected James Poteat, Moderator, and Elder F. H. Jones, Clerk.

On motion, corresponding delegates from sister Associations were invited to seats with us. Elders J. W. Lewellen and W. H. Beamer from the Yadkin, and brother Solomon Teague from the Liberty, accepted the invitation.

On motion, visiting ministers were invited to take seats with us and participate in our deliberations. Elder W. T. Walters, Editor of the Biblical Recorder, and Corresponding Secretary of the State Missionary Board, and Elder Abram Weaver, Principal of Rockford Male and Female High School, accepted the invitation.

On motion, appointed Pastor and delegates of Mt. Olive Church, a committee on Religious Exercises.

On motion, corresponding delegates to sister Associations were called on to report. Elders Caudle and Oliver attended the Blue Ridge, and Dr. S. A. Powell attended the Liberty.

On motion, appointed Elders S. G. Mason, F. M. Jordan, and G. W. Griffin, a committee of arrangements.

Adjourned to Saturday 9 o'clock A. M. Prayer by Elder G. W. Griffin.

SATURDAY, 9 o'clock.

The Association met. Singing and prayer by Elder S. G. Mason.

Proceedings of yesterday read and approved.

Committee on arrangements reported. Report received.

On motion, the Constitution and Rules of Decorum were read by the clerk.

On motion, appointed Brethren William Lea, H. M. Cates and T. J. Valentine a Committee on Finance.

The following delegates to Sister Associations were appointed.

To Yadkin, Elders E. Dodson, P. Oliver, J. H. Caudle.

To Blue Ridge, Elders E. Dodson, G. W. Griffin and J. W. Hall.

To the Liberty, Elders P. Oliver and R. R. Gourley.

To Flat River, Brethren J. W. Hunt and J. D. Wilkerson.

To Roanoke, Elders S. G. Mason and J. F. Hardwick.

To Dan River, Elders S. G. Mason and R. A. Moore, R. N. Lee, F. M. Jordan.

To Sandy Creek, Elder F. M. Jordan, and brethren Thos. W. Graves, David M. Sykes, Chesley Moore, Thos. D. Oldham and A. P Stroud.

Called for the report of Committee appointed to visit Greensboro. The Committee made a verbal report that they had visited and advised with the Church, which resulted in the adjustment of the difficulty.

On motion, the invitation was again extended to visiting brethren, when Elder J. F. B. Mays accepted the invitation.

Called for the Report of Standing Presbytery.

The Presbytery reported, through Elder P. Oliver, that a church has been constituted within the last year at Oak Ridge, Stokes county, N. C., consisting of seventeen members. After remarks by Elders G. W. Griffin, P. Oliver, J. F. B. Mays. F. H. Jones, F. M. Jordan, S. G. Mason, R. R. Gourley, P. H. Fontaine and brother T. J. Valentine, the report was received.

The Executive Committee offered the following report:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTE.

Your Committee beg leave to submit the following report:

That through their recommendation, brother Walters, Corresponding Secretary of the State Mission Board appointed brother G. W. Griffin to labor as Missionary in Rockingham, one half of his time, at a salary of four hundred dollars, commencing with the Associational year. Brother F. H. Jones was also appointed to labor for one fourth of his time, commencing the 1st of September last at a salary of one hundred and twenty-five dollars per year. Brother P. Oliver was appointeb for all of his time, commencing in December last, at a salary of three hundred dollars.

Rrother R. N. Lee was also appointed to labor all the time, commencing 15th of October 1866 at a salary of $500 per annum. Brother E. Dodson was also appointed to labor as much as he could, at a salary of $30 per month. He has labored three months.

The missionaries have baptized at their different stations, twenty seven. They have collected on their field for missionary purposes $375.25. Elder G. W. Griffin has been paid $200 of his salary,—Balance due Elder Griffin $200.

Elder F. H. Jones has been paid $27.	Balance due	$87.65.
Elded P. Oliver has been paid $108.40.	Balance due	$91.60.
Elder E. Dodson has been paid $42.60.	Balance due	$57 40.
Elder R. N. Lee has been paid $212 60.	Balance due	$162.30.

Your committee have received from Summerfield church $47, and $25 from the church at Yanceyville, which they have paid to the Missionaries.

Ballance due the Missionaries $598.85 which will be paid by Bro. W. T. Walters Corrresponding Secretary State Mission Board.*

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* The $598.85 marked "due the missionaries" has all been paid to the Missionaries excepting $100 which is yet due Elder G. W. Griffin.

CLERK.

We find from the reports of our Missionaries and from other sources that there is great, very great destitution within the bounds of our Association. It is remarked, notwithstanding the efforts to supply this destitution by our Board, that there are more than fifty thousand person within the bounds of our Association who do not hear the Gospel as preached by Baptists. Brethren this should not be so. We should be up and doing—we should now exert all our energy to have the doctrine of the Gospel preached in every neighborhood. This, brethren, your committee believe, can be done, if all will do their duty in contributing for the support of the Missionary cause.

J. J. JAMES.

Pending the adoption of the report, the report on State Missions was read.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Your Committee on State Missions submit the following:

1st. We would call attention to the importance of the object. The spirit of Missions is truly the spirit of our holy religion. The spirit of Christianity the spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. And one of the great principles it inspires, is the principle of *diffusion*. Like leven, with which it is compared by the great Teacher, it commences its influence in the individual, and spreads out into the family, the congregation, the community, the State; and ceases not until it has penetrated the masses of the whole world. It was the requirement of the Master, "that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, begining at Jerusalem."

State Missions, always important, since the war are doubly so. Certainly it may be said in truth now, that this is the object that lies at the base of all our other objects of benevolence.

When the individual, the family, the church, and the congregation shall have been thoroughly supplied with this holy influence, then certainly the next object which should claim our attention should be the country around the State. By the upheavings of the mighty revolution through which we have been, and are still passing, many sections of our good old State have been almost deprived of the leaven of the gospel. Churches have been scattered, meeting houses broken down and consumed by the flames of war, and ministers driven from heir fields of labor into other sections of the country, or into seccular employment for the sustentation of themselves and families. Skepticism, immorality, worldliness, and a corrupt Christianity are pouring in upon us like a flood. The whole colored population is a field thrown wide open, and inviting the labor of the gospel reapers, and with uplifted hands, and imploring accents repeating the Macedonian cry, " come over and help us." Brethren, do not these facts make a strong demand upon us to put forth our greatest efforts in behalf of State Missions?

2nd. We would call attention also to the encouragements. Notwithstanding the many difficulties in the way, an encouraging work has been accomplished during the year. Fifteen Missionaries have been employed for the whole or a part of their time. Four thousand dollars ($4,000) have been collected and paid out by the Board, and persons have professed conversion in connection with the labors of the Missionaries.

3rd. Proper objects of the Mission. The object specified is to supply destitute churches and neighborhoods with the preached word. And this object should be constantly, and firmly kept in view, The destitution supplied should be real. Many executive Committees and boards have beeen imposed on by churches and communities. They have been induced in many cases to grant assistance to those who were as able to help themselves as many of the contributors. And such cases of imposition will soon chill the sympathies, and break down the confidence of the churches, and cause them to withhold their contributions from the Mission.

Great care should be observed also in the selection of Missionaries. That they be men of the true Missionary spirit, who will really do Missionary work; who will not be two high-minded, or too indolent to perform the self-denying labors of the true Missionary. The means of our people now, except in a very few cases, are very limited; and what they give they will have to save by a rigid economy and self-denial; and it should be expended by their agents in the most judicious and economical manner possible. Indeed the churches will demand that the means they furnish shall be thus expended. They will not suffer the hard earnings of their labor and self-denial to be wasted.

4th. In conclusion we would say; though we are poor, very poor, still by practicing industry, economy, and self-denial, we can give much. This we should be willing to do. Our religious interests must be attended to. The soul is infinitely more important than the body, the interests of Eternity infinitely more valuable than those of Time, and these must be attended to and secured, whatever else is neglected. The Master has taught us that religion is " the one thing needful"—" the pearl of great price," and that we should "first seek the kingdom of God, and his righteousness and all worldly good shall be added." And we have every reason to believe that what is given in the true spirit of self-denial, and consecration to the cause of Christ, will be abundantly blessed of God, and made to accomplish much. God can make the widow's mite a greater blessing to his cause than the abundance of the rich.

S. G. MASON,
A. Z. GRAVES.

After remarks by Elders Griffin, Lee and Walters, a collection was taken up for state Missions, amounting in cash and subscription to $125,65, after which the report of the Executive Committee and the Report on State Missions were adopted.

The above amount was contributed by the following persons, viz: G. W. Griffin, $20,00; E Dodson, $5,00; James Poteat, $25,00 paid; Dr. S. A. Powell, $5,00 paid; F. J. Dennis, $5,00; George Graves $10,00; P. H. Fontaine, $5,00, H. M. Cates, $5,00; Dr. J. W. Winchester, $5,00 paid; H. W. Bushnell, $5,00; J. Guthrie, $5,00, paid; F. M. Jordan, $5,00; G. T. Turner, $5,00; J. H. Caudle, $2,00; J. W. Hall, $5,00; J. W. Harmony, fifty cents, paid; R. N. Lee, $2,00, paid; P. Oliver, $1,00; S. G. Mason, $5,00; R. Stanly, $1,00; J. Bennett, $1,00; D. M. Sykes, fifty cents, paid; Smith, $1,00; Noah Boyles, $1,00: Unknown, sixty cents, paid.

The amount marked paid, above, were received by the Clerk, and paid over to Elder W. T. Walters at the Association.

On motion, adjourned. Prayer by Elder P. H. Fontaine.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 O'CLOCK.

The Association met. Singing, and prayer by Elder Abram Weaver.

On motion, the Rules of Order were suspended in order that the letter and Delegates from Oak Ridge be received. The letter was read, and on motion the Church was received into the Association, the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to the Delegate.

The Association then heard the Report on Periodicals, read by Elder F. M. Jordan, which elicited remarks from Elders Mays, Walters, Griffin and Jordan. The Report was adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Periodicals submit the following report:

That Elder J. D. Huthan, who has so long ably, and satisfactorily edited the BIBLICAL RECORDER, has retired from the office. And Elder W. T. Walters has purchased the press and become the Editor. We cordially recommend it to the patronage of the Baptist Denomination. If the New York *Examiner* has nearly one hundred thousand subscribers, the RECORDER ought to have twenty thousand. A reading people are always a working people. We also recommend "*Kind Words*" published at Greenville S. C., at ten cents per copy.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. JORDAN, Ch'mn.

Elder F. H. Jones, by permission of the Association, presented the claims of the Reidsville Church, and secured, for the purpose of building a Baptist Church House at Reidsville, $60,00 in cash, and $100,00 in subscription.

The above amount was contributed by the following persons, viz:

James Poteat, $25. paid; F. H. Jones, $25, paid; Dr. S. A. Powell, $25,00; Elias Dodson, $5,00; Thos. W. Graves, $5,00; F. M. Jordan, $20,00; H. M. Cates, $5,00; Gen. Wm. Lea, $10; T. J. Valentine, $5,00; J. Guthrie, $5,00, paid; Dr. J. W. Winchester, $5,00. paid; James Vernon, $1,00, paid; G. W. Griffin, five barrels of corn.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools offered the following report, which was adopted after remarks by Elders Mason, Fontaine, and brother Thos. W. Graves:

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We are gratified to learn from the letters sent up from the churches composing this Association that the brethren are becoming more interested on this all important subject. Be it therefore,

Resolved, That we recommend to all the churches that they use their utmost endeavors to keep up regular organized Sabbath Schools.

R. N. LEE, Ch'mn

The Chair announced the following brethren a committee to nominate an Executive Committee for the ensuing year, viz:

Elder E. Dodson, Dr. J. W. Winchester, and brother D. M. Sykes.

Adjourned. Prayer by Elder Lewellen.

SABBATH.

Services were held at the stand to-day as follows:

Elder W. T. Walters preached at 10 o'clock, A. M. from John xxi chap. and 15 verse; Elder S. G. Mason, at 11 o'clock, A. M. from John xii chap. and 32 verse; Elder G. W, Griffin, at 2 o'clock, P. M. from Rom. xiii chap. 11 verse. It was supposed that about two thousand persons were in attendance to-day.

MONDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Association met. Singing, and prayer by Elder R. R. Gourly.

Proceedings of Saturday read and approved.

The Committee on Temperance offered the following Report, which was adopted, after remarks by Elder Griffin:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance, consider drunkenness as one of the world's greatest evil. It is Pandora's box, and has it in every evil. Three fourth of the evils in the Church are from intemperance as all Church books will show. We would advise every Church member to give his *example* against it, and to pluck his right eye, or cut off his right hand.

E. DODSON, ch'mn.

Elder Dodson, from the Committee to nominate an Executive Committee for the ensuing year, offered the following names:

Elder J. J. James, Elder F. M. Jordan, and brethren James Poteat, S. A. Powell, and Thos. K. Glenn. Adopted, after remarks by brother Valentine and Elder Gourly.

The Association determined to hold its next session with the Ephesus Baptist Church, Person County, N. C ; Elder F. H. Jones to preach the Introductory sermon.

The Committee on Foreign Missions offered the following

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee beg leave to submit the following report:

Our Savior commanded his disciples to bear the glad news of Salvation to a lost world. He said, " go into all the world," and adds, " preach my gospel to every creature." The believer is not saved for himself alone, but that he may be a blessing to others. The cup of salvation being pressed to his lips, he should then pass it to the thirsty and perishing inhabitants of this sin stricken universe. The believer should recognize, the sending the gospel to all nations as a clearly expressed duty which can not be neglected without indifference to the will of Christ, or insensibility to Christian obligation. Without further generalities, we call the consideration of this body to some highly important facts.

The brethren at Shanghai and Shantung, China, were able to secure from the Board *only about two thousand dollars* from January, 1861, to January 1866. The amount required to sustain these two Missions for these five years, was not less than thirty five thousand dollars. This dificiency could only be met by the brethren in some secular pursuit, and just at this time, the Providence of God opened a way which enabled them to earn money without seriously interfering with their work. But the amounts thus fell short of meeting their absolute wants up to January, 1866, *about seven thousand dol-*

lars. In addition to this, the demands from the African Mission made the entire liabilities of the Board up to January 1866 some *eight thousand dollars.*

Besides this debt, the Board required, in order, to sustain its Missions, not less than twenty thousand dollars, for the year ending April 1867. Your Committee is not able to say whether the contributions of the churches were sufficient to cancel this debt at the meeting of the last convention.

The demand at every point has been, and still is urgent for some laborers. The pressing nature of these demands have induced the Board to return brethren J. A. Reid and R. H. Stone to Africa. They were efficient laborers before the war.

Much have been accomplished in this department of the Convention work. The preparatory work in every great enterprise is alwys expensive and tedious. This is especially true of Christian Mission At the begining of the war, the Board were looking for large results as at the different points the Lord seemed to favor the work. Since the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention, not less than fifteen hundred have been baptized into Jesus Christ by our Missionaries.

In some particulars the prospect is very encouraging. Our brethren write that they are now begining a new series of operations with hope of success. But brethren we have great need of patience. Let us remember the work is of God. It cannot fail. The preaching of Christ crucified is the wisdom ot God and the power of God unto salvation.

The work before us is great—million of heathens are now accessible to us. They must perish without the gospel. There is no name given under heaven among men, whereby they (must) or can be saved but the name of Christ Jesus. "But how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard, and how shall they hear without a preacher, and how shall they preach except they be sent."

Will not the friends of Christ be ready to aid those whom he has called to preach his word, as they go forth to toil among the poor heathen of the dark corners of the earth. As Baptists, we ought to be active in spreading a pure gospel all over the earth.

Our Missionaries are in great and immediate want of funds. One of them writes: "If the Baptists intend to keep up the Mission, something must be done. I have very seldom said anything to you, (J. B. T. Cor. Sec.) about the privation I suffer here. I care nothing about them when I am well; I have for a long time—nearly all the year lived upon the poorest food. I have no flour fit to eat, and no money in England so that I can order. What shall I do?" This brother has toiled faithfully in his field of labor for more than ten years.

Another one says: "I have learned to know what it is to be hungry, and alone as regards this world. Many times have I retired at night without means to buy food." And now, brethren, if help does not come from the churches, the work, the great work of Foreign Mission *must stop*, our good brethren in these far off lands *must suffer.*

GEORGE W. GRIFFIN, Chm'n.

Pending the adoption of the report remarks were made by Elder J. F. B. Mays and a collection was taken up for this subject amounting in cash and subscription to $62,00.

The aforesaid amount was subscribed by the following persons, vix:

James Poteat, $10, paid; F. H. Jones, $5, paid; E. Dodson, $2, paid; S. G. Mason, $5; F. M. Jordan, $3, in silver; G. W. Griffin, $5, in gold; H. M. Cates, $3; William Lea, $5, paid; Dr. S. A. Powel, $5; R. N. Lee, $2; F. J. Dennis, $1, paid; Dr. J. W. Winchester, $1, paid; R. R. Gourly, $3; J. W. Lewellen, $2; J. Guthrie, $5; E. H. Stubbins, $2; D. S. Hall, $1. The amounts marked paid, were received by the Clerk, and have been forwarded to J. B. Taylor, of Richmond, Va.

The Committe on Education offered the following report, after remarks by Elders Dodson and Griffin:

REPORT.

In May, 1789, the Roanoke Association met at Grassy Meeting House, Granville County, N. C. Most of the churches were in Virginia. Several of them were in North Carolina, on the ground of Granville, Person, Caswell, and Rockingham.

The Ministers present were Sam'l Harris, Moderator, J. Williams, Clerk, Wm. Dodson, James Hurt, J. Atkinson, James Watkins, Lazarus Dodson, George Roberts, James Reid, &c.

They resolved to assist in founding two Seminaries in Virginia, to educate Ministers. The next session was held at Catawba Meeting House, Halifax, Va. Elder Reuben Pickett was present with the others. They advocated education.

In 1790, Elders Thomas Mullen and Barzilla Graves were delegates. The subject of education was still advocated.

1794.—In this year the Flat River Association was formed out of the Roanoke.

1806.—This year the Country Line Association was formed out of the Flat River. The Country Line is the grand-daughter of the Roanoke Association. George Roberts, who advocated ministerial education in 1788, made a speech in Lick Fork Church for the Columbian College, the year before he died. With these facts, who are the *old* Baptists; proof—Minutes of the Roanoke Association.

E. DODSON, Chm'n.

Resolved, That we recommend Rock Spring Academy, in Orange, Rockford Seminary in Surry, and Wake Forest College.

The following delegates were appointed to the Baptist State Convention: First, all the ministers of the Association. Second, Dr. Hauser, Dr. J. W. Winchester, Dr. S. A. Powell, John Graves, John Jordan, Henry Bushnell, Calvin Graves, Az. Graves, R. W. Lawson, John M. Lindsay, James Poteat, Thos. J. Womack, Wm. Lea, David M. Sykes, George Graves, F. J. Dennis, A. P. Stroud T. J. Valentine and James Buchanan.

On motion, requested the Clerk to see Daniel H. LaPish, the clerk of last year, and collect the amont due the association from him.

On motion, requested Elder E. Dodson to collect such facts as he may be able to do, concerning the division of the Baptist of this country, and report to the next Association.

The Moderator appointed the following standing Committees to report to the next Association:

On Sabbath Schools, Dr. J. W. Winchester, Elder R. A. Moore.

On Periodicals, Elder S. G. Mason, A. P. Stroud.

On Temperance, Thos. W Graves, John Jordan.

On State Missions, Elders E. Dodson, J. H. Caudle.

On Foreign Missions, Elder P. Fontaine, A. Graves.

On Education, H. M. Cates, E. Dodson.

On State of Religion, Elders F. M. Jordon and F. H. Jones.

The Committee on Finance offered their report, and after remarks by Elders Mason, Jones, Oliver, Griffin and brother Valentine and Lea, it was adopted.

By motion, the Clerk is allowed fifteen dollars for his services and is instructed to apply the remaining fund to the publication of minutes.

The following Resolutions were unanimously adopted, as offered by Elder Dodson.

1*st Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to write a letter through the RECORDER to all to the churches of this Association on ministerial support to be read before the churches.

2*nd Resolved*, That we recommend all our ministers to make pastoral visits.

3*rd Rosolved*, That we recommend all pastors and ministers to sell books.

4*th Resolved*, That recommend all our ministers to increase their libraries annually.

5*th Resolved* That we request the churches to insert in their church letters to the Association, the number of families who hold family worship, the RECORDER, and attend Sunday School.

The Moderator appointed Elders E. Dodson, F. H. Jones and brother J. M. Lindsay a Committee, to visit Mayfield church and aid them in settling a difficulty.

The following Resolution was offered by Thos. W. Graves and unanimiously passed by the Association.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due the people of this neighborhood for their hospitality during the session of the Association.

Resolved, That we request the Pastor of Mt. Olive church to announce the above Resolution from the pulpit at his next regular Sabbath Meeting.

Resolved, That we recommend the Missionary Societies of 5 cents per month by Elder Sanderlin,

After some impressive remarks by Elder J. F. B. Mays, and the singing of a parting hymn, the Association adjourned to meet with the Church at Ephesus, on Friday before the Second Sabbath in August, 1868.

JAMES POTEAT, Mod.

F. H. JONES, Clerk.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

F. H. JONES, TO THE BEULAH ASSOCIATION,

		DR.
To amount received from Finance Committee Mt. Olive,		$53.75
	CR.	
By amount paid clerk,	$15.00	
Printing Minutes,	33.75	
		$48.75
Ballance on hand to send Minutes to churches.		$5.00

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Article 1. This Association shall be called the Beulah Baptist Association.

Art. 2. This Association shall be composed of—first, all the ordained ministers who are members of, or have the pastoral charge of, the churches within this Association district, who shall be members ot the Association, *ex-officio*, secondly, not more than three delegates from each church within the district aforesaid, who shall produce letters from the churches certifying their appointment; in which said letters from the said churches—showing their additions, losses and changes of membership, since the last annual Association.

Art. 3. The Association shall be held at least once a year, at such time and place as they may appoint; and shall be opened and closed with prayer.

Art. 4. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer; the two last offices, however, may be held by the same individual, should such be the pleasure of the Association.

Art. 5. The officers aforesaid shall be chosen at each annual session of the Association, by ballot or nomination, as may be the pleasure of a majority of the members; and the Clerk shall be eligible to continue in office until another is appointed; and shall at all time, perform the duties of Treasurer, unless another individual be appointed to the latter office.

Art. 6. The Association shall have no right to interfere with the internal regulations of the churches, but may tender them advice, and in case any of them should become corrupt in doctrine or practice, exclude such from their fellowship; and shall also have the power to adopt such measures as may be deemed proper to promote the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom.

Art. 7. All committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

Art. 8. All committee of Arrangements shall be appointed of which the Moderator and Clerk shall be members *ex-officio*.

Art. 9. It shall be the duty of the committee of Arrangements to prepare the business of the Association, and to consider the expediency or inexpediency of bringing any matter before the Association. The action of the committee, however, in relation to any matter, shall not be conclusive; and any matter or proposition which may be rejected by them, may be brought before the Association by any member thereof who may not concur in that decision.

Art. 10. It shall be the duty of the Association to deliberate on the matter prepared by the committee, whether queries or propositions from the churches, or suggestions from the committee, and to make such responses, and to offer such counsels as may be deemed fit and proper.

Art. 11. The Association may invite Baptist ministers (who may be present) to a seat in their body, who shall be admitted to the privileges of counsel and debate only.

Art. 12. An Executive committee, consisting of five brethren, shall be appointed at each session of the Association: which committee shall direct the Missionary operations of the Association and make an annual report of its proceedings to this body. Three of these brethren shall constitute a quorum for business and all money sent up by the churches for Associational Missions shall be paid over to this committee.

Art. 13. The Constitution may be altered or amended, at the annual meeting of the Association, by a vote of two-thirds of the whole body.

Art 14. The power of appointing Presbyteries for the ordination of ministers and the constitution of churches within this district, shall be vested in this Association. And it shall be the duty of the Association at each annual session to appoint a standing Presbytery, to attend to all requests from the churches relating to these matters, during the succeeding Associational year, and until a new Presbytery be appointed.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The Moderator shall take the chair every day during the session, at the hour appointed at the adjournment, and call the members to order, and on the appearance of a quorum, cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read.

2. He shall preserve decorum and order, shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Association by any member.

3. He shall rise to put a question, but may state it sitting. He shall have the right to call any member to perform the duties of the chair temporarily.

4. The Moderator shall not vote on any question, unless the Association be equally divided.

5. He shall not speak in debate while occupying the chair, but may call another to the chair, and then he shall have the privilege of speaking in common with any other member

6. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Association, he shall rise and address himself to the Moderator.

7. When two or more members rise at the same time, the Moderator shall name the person to speak first.

8. No man shall speak more than twice on the same question, without leave of the Association.

9. No member shall absent himself, finally, from the Association withaut leave.

10. Decency of speech shall be observed, and personal reflections avoided.

11. Whilst the Moderator is putting any question, or addressing the Association, no person shall speak, stand up, or walk out or across the house; nor when a member is speaking, entertain private discourses, stand up, or pass between him and the Moderator.

12. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to a day certain, to commit or amend—which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand arranged.

13. All committees shall consist of three members, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

14. A select committee shall be appointed on the first day of th Association, to select the ministers who are to preach on Saturday and the succeeding days of the meeting, and give notice thereof to the respective ministers, whose duty it shall be to contorm to the arrangements thus mode.

15. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be put by the Moderator, unless withdrawn by the mover.

15. No standing rules shall be rescinded, altered, or suspended, unless by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

17. The Constitution and Rules of Order and Decorum shall be read on Saturday of each session of this Association.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	Ch. Meetings.	Baptized.	Rec. by letter.	Dis. by letter.	Expelled.	Restored.	Deceased.	Total.	Asso. Fund.	State Missions	For. Missions	Education.
Beulah,	R. A. Moore,	Wm. R. Pleasant,	Milton,	3rd	2	2		3			46	$2 00	$44 50		$2 00
Beaver Island,	Geo. W. Griffin,	J. A. Vernon,	Madison,	1st	14	2		1			54	2 00	79 40		
Cane Creek,	F. M. Jordan,	Thos. J. Cates,	Rock Spring,	1st	11	3	5	2		1	251	3 00	20 00		
Clement,															
Cool Spring,	F. M. Jordan,	F. M. Jordan,	Hillsboro,			4	3	3			40	2 00	9 25		
Elm Grove,	Robt. Gourly,	John Deanes,	Summerfield,	3rd	3	6	1	3			53	1 65	4 50		
Ephesus,	Joel F. Hardwick,	Obadiah Faulkner,	Cunningham's Store,	2nd			1	1		1	45	4 00	21 50		
Friendship,	John H. Caudle,	John Ferguson,	Wilson's Store,	4th	5		4	10			66	2 25	16 75		
Greensboro',	P. H. Fontaine,	Geo. W. Page,	Greensboro,	1st	5	8	18	3			40	2 00	5 35		
Good Will,	Pinkney Oliver,	Robt. Jones,	Salem,	4th	3						32	75	20 00		
Hillsboro,															
Hogan's Creek,	F. H. Jones,	F. H. Jones, *pro tem.*	Reidsville,	4th	7	1		3		1	60	2 00	46 10		
Kerr's Chapel,	F. M. Jordan,	Thos. W. Graves,	Yanceyville,	4th				6			80	2 45	23 75		
Leaksville,	F. H. Jones,	C. G. Jones,	Leaksville,	1st	2		6	1			136	1 35	29 65		
Mt. Olive,	J. H. Caudle,	Albert Boyles,	Little Yadkin,		6	1		2			101	2 00	2 00		
Mayfield,	R. N. Lea,	Thos. S. Walker,	Mayfield,	2nd			5				28				
Mar's Hill,	F. M. Jordan,	Wm. Ward.	Hillsboro,	2nd	2	4				1	45	2 00	14 00		
Mt. Hermon,										1					
Milton,	Joel F. Hardwick,	J. J. Yarborough,	Milton,	4th	4			1			192	4 00	12 65		
Mill Creek,	J. E. Montague,	Jno. W. Hunt,	Roxboro,	4th				2	1	2	102	3 00	10 00		
Madison,		W. R. Lindsey,	Madison,	4th	3		8	2		2	96	2 10	33 32		
Oak Ridge,	Pinkney Oliver,	J. M. Martin,	Martin's Lime Kiln,	2nd							16	1 25			
Providence,										1					
Red Bank,	Wm. Turner,	Thos. J. Valentine,	Germanton,	3rd	6	1		1	1	1	42	2 50	15 65		
Summerfield,	F. H. Jones,	J. W. Winchester,	Summerfield,	2nd	18	1	7	1			52	2 75	102 45	$12 15	65 00
Trinity,	S. G. Mason,	Az. Graves,	Locust Hill,	3rd				2		1	63	4 00	73 65		
Yanceyville,	S. G. Mason,	F. J. Dennis,	Yanceyville,	4th	6	4	3	2			132	4 00	187 25		
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PROCEEDINGS.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7th, 1868.

The Beulah Baptist Association met in its 35th Annual Session, with the Ephesus Baptist church, Person county, N. C.

The Introductory sermon was delivered according to appointment, by Elder F. H. Jones, from John xvii: 15, "I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but thou shouldest keep them from the evil."

After a recess, the Association was called to order by brother Jas. Poteat, Moderator of last year, and opened by singing, and prayer by Elder W. T. Walters.

On motion, proceeded to call the roll of the churches, which exhibited the following delegations, viz:

Beulah—W. R. Pleasant, T. Wilson, J. A. Moore.
Beaver Island—J. Hall, J. H. Glenn, J. A. Vernon.
Cain Creek—T. D. Oldham, D. M. Sykes, H. M. Cates.
Clement—A. Crumpton, Stephen Wilkerson, J. L. Wilkerson.
Cool Spring—S. H. Workman, J. W. Tripp.
Elm Grove—A. Oliver, J. B. York, H. Parish.
Ephesus—Ed. Moore, J. Jennett, Obed Falkner.
Friendship—W. G. Moore, C. N. Carroll, Wm. Tillotson.
Greensboro—Elder P. H. Fontaine, P. H. Bilbo, E. W. Buchanon.
Goodwill—J. Crews, B. Beason, Elder P. Oliver.
Hillsboro—J. Cheek, A. P. Stroud, J. E. Jones.

Hogan's Creek—Letter.

Kerr's Chapel—T. W. Graves, B. Boswell, B. Hurdle.

Leaksville—J. J. Dallas, Josiah Newnam.

Mt. Olive—Elder J. H. Caudle, A. E. Smith.

Mayfield—Not represented.

Mars Hill—J. Jordan, B. Andrews, J. Miller.

Mt. Hermon—R. B. Duke, Wm. Copley.

Milton—J. B. Walters, G. W. Thompson, J. J. Yarbrough.

Mill Creek—T. W. Buchanon, J. Younger, B. B. Links.

Madison—Thomas Wall, Samuel Heggie.

Oak Ridge—Elder P. Oliver.

Providence—Not represented.

Red Bank—T. J. Valentine, E. W. Marshall, R. Crews.

Summerfield—L. C. Seat, F. Highfill, H. A. Brown.

Trinity—R. W. Lawson, Thos. Slade, S. P. Poole.

Yanceyville—J. M. Jones, James Poteat, Wm. Graves.

Brother James Poteat was elected Moderator, and Elder F. H. Jones, Clerk.

On motion, visiting brethren were invited to take seats with us and participate in our deliberations. Elders W. T. Walters, Corresponding Secretary of State Mission Board; A. F. Purifoy, Agent for Board of Education; R. R. Overby, Agent for Wake Forest College, I. B. Lake, Principal of Roanoke Female College, and T. A. Reid accepted the invitation.

On motion, corresponding messengers from sister Associations were invited to seats with us: Elder J. A. Moore, Thomas Howerton, William Betts and Elisha Betts from the Dan River Association. Elder E. N. Gwyn, J. J. Blackwood, from the Yadkin. J. H. Mills, Editor of the Biblical Recorder, from the Central, and Elder J. A. Stradley and W. H. Lawson from the Flat River and J. H. Tranham from the Roanoke, accepted the invitation.

Appointed Pastor of Ephesus church, Obed Falkner and M. Falkner a committee on religious exercises.

On motion, appointed J. J. Yarbrough, W. G. Graves and T. D. Oldham a committee on Finance.

A motion was made and seconded to alter the 12th Article of the Constitution of the Association. After remarks by Elders Mason, Hardwick, Jordan, James Dodson and brother T. W. Graves the motion was lost.

On motion, appointed Elder J. J. James, J. F. Hardwicke, and S. G. Mason a committee of arrangements.

Adjourned to Saturday 9 o'clock, A. M. Prayer by Elder J. H. Caudle.

Elder P. H. Fontaine preached at the stand this evening.

SATURDAY 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Association met, and spent half an hour in devotional exercises, conducted by Elder F. M. Jordan.

The Association was then called to order by the Moderator. Proceedings of yesterday read and approved.

The committee on arrangements reported. Report received.

On motion, the Constitution and Rules of Decorum were read by the Clerk.

Called on correspondents to sister Associations to report: Elders E. Dodson and P. Oliver, attended the Yadkin. Elder Dodson attended the Blue Ridge. Elder J. F. Hardwicke attended the Roanoke. Elders S. G. Mason and J. F. Hardwicke attended the Dan River, and T D. Oldham, the Sandy Creek.

The following brethren were appointed messengers to attend sister Associations:

To Yadkin, Elders P. H. Fontaine and F. H. Jones.

To Blue Ridge, Elders J. H. Caudle, J. Terrell and P. Oliver.

To Liberty, Elders F M. Jordan, P. H. Fontaine, P. Oliver, F. H. Jones.

To Flat River, J. W. Hunt, J. Younger.

To Roanoke, Elders S. G. Mason, J. F. Hardwicke.

To Dan River, Elders S. G. Mason, R. A. Moore.

To Sandy Creek, brethren T. D. Oldham, H. M. Cates and C. Moore.

On motion, agreed to open correspondence with the Pee Dee Asociation. J. Jordan and Elder F. M. Jordan were appointed to attend the same.

Also agreed to open correspondence with the Central Association, Elders J. J. James, W. R. Gaultney and brother James Poteat, were appointed to attend the same.

The committee on Education offered the following report which was adopted, after remarks by Elders Overby, Dodson, Jordan, Fontaine, James, Jones, brother J. H. Mills and Elder Purifoy.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Wake Forest should be endowed as speedily as possible. If that goes down our denomination will greatly suffer. It must live and must be endowed. We should have many Academies to nurse it, they are ladders to the College. Female education should be cultivated.

E. DODSON, Chairman.

= observe the word Female!

On motion, agreed to make the subject of State Missions the special order of business at 2 o'clock, P. M.

The committee on Foreign Missions offered their report. After remarks by Elders Fontaine and James the report was adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to submit the following:

The Southern Foreign Mission Board, at present support five Missionaries; four in China and one in Africa. In China there are three Missions. The Shantung mission comprises two stations, one occupied by brother T. P. Crawford and his wife, who report five baptized in the last year, present membership thirteen. Brother J. B. Hartwell and wife have charge of the other, and report four baptized, membership twenty-eight. The Shanghai mission is under the charge of brother M. T. Yates and wife. They report for past year, received by experience and baptism, seven; present membership, thirty-five: contributions of native members $69.00. The Canton Mission is under the charge of brother R. H. Graves, who reports eighteen baptized, 104 members, contributions $42.03.

In Africa there is only one Mission. The Yoruba Mission was under brethren R. H Stone and A. D. Phillips, but brother Phillips, after laboring there for twelve years, has been compelled to return on account of his declining health, and brother Stone is at present our only Missionary in Africa. Brother T. A. Reid is willing to return to this Mission, but the Board is unable to send him, for want of funds sufficient to furnish his outfit.

The expenditures of the Board have been $1534.71 leaving a balance of $32.11 in the treasury.

The debt of the Board which was at the close of the war between $8000 and $10.000 has been reduced to less than $2000.

The Board is desirous of extending the sphere of its labors, and is making the most urgent appeals to the Baptists of the South for assistance. We have cause for much thankfulness, for the good accomplished by our Foreign Missions during the past year, and for much encouragement to exert ourselves in the good work. The great changes which have happened among the nations of the world in the last year, have made Foreign countries much more accessable to our Missionaries, and indicate more forcibly than ever, our duty in carrying out our Lord's great commission, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

Your committee would recommend that each church in the Association organize a Foreign Missionary Society, and cultivate systematic giving to this object.

P. H. FONTAINE, Chairman.

On motion, agreed to take up a collection for Foreign Missions at the stand this evening. Adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M. Prayer by Elder P. Oliver.

Elder W. R. Gaultney preached at the stand this morning.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 O'CLOCK.

The Association met. Prayer by Elder E. N. Gwyn.

Called for the report of the committee appointed to visit the church at Mayfield. The committee made a verbal report, that they had visited and advised with the church, which resulted in the adjustment of the difficulty.

The committee on Sabbath Schools offered the following report, which was adopted, after remarks by Elders Hardwicke, Fontaine, Dodson, James, Jones and brother J. H. Mills.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We cordially recommend all our churches to have Sabbath Schools. Patriotism, Philanthropy and Religion all plead for Sabbath Schools

STATISTICS OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.	Scholars.	Teachers.	Library.
Beulah a Sabbath School for a limited time,			
Beaver Island one school,	34	10	
Elm Grove one school,	67	4	
Cane Creek, four schools,	100		
Hillsboro, one school,	37	8	
Mt. Hermon, one school,	50		
Milton, one school,	30		
Madison, one school,	15	4	100
Summerfield, one school,	60	6	
Trinity. two, near or about	50		
Yanceyville, three schools, viz:			
One in Yanceyville numbering in teachers and scholars	83		
One at Providence " " " " "	30		
One at Poteat's Chapel, " " " "	29		
Chestnut Grove Mission, one school,	56	4	
Total,	641	32	100

Of the 26 churches, 10 have Sunday Schools.

Resolved, That this Association co-operate with the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Resolved, That we recommend *Kind Words*.

E. DODSON, Chairman.

The committee on State Missions offered their report. Remarks were made by Elders Walters, James and Overby. Pending the adoption of the report, a collection was taken up for State Missions, amounting in cash and subscriptions to $155.25.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

We have not learned what the apostle meant by redeeming time. We have lost time and lost important places and very valuable material, the Domestic and Indian Board had nine Missionaries in N. C. And yet North Carolina for the fiscal year, paid that Board only about three hundred and ninety-two dollars. This is too bad. When the wagoner calls on Hercules for help he must lay his own shoulder to the wheel. The same board raised over $26.000 the last fiscal year and owed $17.000. North Carolina did not pay her part. The support of a dog for one year is $10. I am sorry to say it; but many neighborhoods don't give as much to the gospel as would support a dog. Send us good preachers, say some, but their subscriptions say send us one of no account.

We have baptized too many nothings. Meroz was cursed because she did nothing. Judges 5: 23. The unprofitable servant was cursed for doing nothing. Matt. 25: 30. The Moabites were not to come into God's congregation for ten generations, because they refused Israel bread and water after coming out of Egypt. In the wilderness about 3.000.000 belonged to the "can't" company and perished. Caleb and Joshua belonged to the "try" company, lived and went into Canaan. Some subscribe and won't pay. This is wrong. Christ was laid in a manger. If dry weather or hard times come, many place his cause in a manger. If any is to be crucified, it is Christ, and not Barrabbas. If any cause is to die, it must be Christ's. During 1867 and in hard times, the Devil had circuses. In one place he made $1000, and in another $600. Many people will sooner give $10 to the Devil, than one dollar to Christ.

The Bible excludes the covetous man from heaven. 1 Cor. 6; 10. We have too much dead capital in our church.

SYSTEM.

About 400 poor Catholics paid each 25 cents per week, and raised in one year $5200. A Doctor once gave all he booked on the first day of every month. In the year he gave $56.00. Doctors in England are paid every visit in due bill or money. We could do much on the same plan, on the first day of every week. Some give one tenth. What oceans were given to the war on this plan. If every one would give five cents per week, much could be raised. But gifts must be mingled with faith and prayer. Hezekiah displeased God because he rendered not according to the benefit received.

God has given us a good rain. Let us not imitate Hezekiah. There are 18 or 20 Missionaries in North Carolina but what are they among so many?

E. DODSON, Chairman.

On motion, agreed to take up a collection for State and Foreign Missions in the house, and at the stand on Sunday.

The committee on Finance offered the following report which was adopted:

REPORT ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance beg leave to make the following report:

We have received for Associational fund,	$51 73
For Education,	12 63
State Missions,	178 77
Foreign Missions,	12 93

South American Missions,	1 00
Bible Society,	25
Total,	$257 31

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. J. YARBROUGH,
T. D OLDHAM,
W. G. GRAVES, Committee.

Adjourned by benediction.

SABBATH

Services were held to day as follows. In the M. H., Elder J. J. James preached at 10 o'clock, from John 3 : 36. Elder W. T. Walters at 11 o'clock, from Luke 18 : 1 to 20, and Elder F. H. Jones at 2 o'clock, from Micah, 2 : 10.

At the stand, Elder S. G. Mason preached at 10 o'clock, from Acts 16 : 30, 31. Elder I. B. Lake at 11 o'clock, from Rom. 8 : 19, and R. R. Overby at 2 o'clock, from Job 21 : 7.

In the S. H. to colored congregation, Elder J. H. Caudle preached at 10 o'clock, from John 3 : 14 : 15. Elder F. H. Jones at 11 o'clock, from Matt. 11 : 23 and Elder P. H. Fontaine preached at 2 o'clock.

There was supposed to be about 2000 persons present today.

MONDAY 9 O'CLOCK.

The Association met. Moderator in the chair. Prayer by Elder I. B. Lake.

Proceedings of Saturday read and approved.

The committee on Temperance offered the following report which was adopted after remarks by Elder's Hardwicke, Jordan, Overby and Mason.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance is a subject that is well worthy the attention of every human being; and all Christians should do all they can to encourage it both by precept and example. And what our hands find to do let us do it with our might, until intemperance is driven from our land, and all men become temperate in all things.

THOMAS W. GRAVES, Chairman.

The committee on Periodicals made the following report, which was adopted after remarks by Elders Gwynn, Mason, James, Reid, Walters, Overby and brethren J. H. Mills and T. W. Graves.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

It is greatly to be desired that a religious newspaper should be taken and read attentively in all families of our brethren. And it is a cause of deep regret that it is not so. It is as important as any education that can be given, better dress very plainly, and live upon coarse fare than not do it, and in most cases it can be done, and the families never miss the amount paid for the paper. Your committee would beseech our people to awake to this matter. Our own state paper the "Recorder" is the journal that should be patronized, and then the "Home and Foreign Journal," the organ of the Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention, is a very cheap and valuable paper, and should receive a liberal patronage. "Kind Words" the organ of the Sunday School Board, is the paper for our Sunday Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

S. G. MASON, Chairman.

The committee on State of Religion made the following report, which was adopted :

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION.

Your committee on State of Religion submit the following report:

From the tone of the church letters, the state of religion seems to be at a low ebb in the bounds of this Association. But few churches have reported revivals during the past year. Number of baptisms, 98. Your committee are of the opinion that the following are some of the causes. First, covetousness on the part of professors of religion, which is idolatry. Second, unfaithful discipline in the churches. Third, a want of entire consecration to the service of God. Paul to the Corinthians says, "ye are not your own, ye are bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your bodies and spirits which are God's."

F. M. JORDAN, Chairman.

Standing Presbytery reported that they had been called upon to ordain a colored brother at Milton but did not ordain him.

On motion, agreed to hold the next Association with the church at Leaksville, Rockingham county, N. C., to meet on Friday before the 2nd Sabbath in August, 1869. Elder J. F. Hardwicke to preach the Introductory sermon, Elder J. J. James, Alternate.

The following delegates were appointed to the Baptist State Convention: First, all the ministers of this Association. Second, M. Falkner, J. J. Dallas, T. J. Valentine, J. J. Yarbrough, T. D. Oldham, J. B. Walters, W. A. Bradshaw, Dr. J. W. Winchester, H. M. Cates, Stephen Wilkerson, J. Jordan, J. A. Jennette, Obed Falkner, W. G. Graves, F. J. Barnes, J. D. Long, James Poteat, T. J. Falkner and Dr. S. A. Powell.

On motion agreed to let the executive committee appoint other delegates.

On motion, appointed all the ordained ministers of this Association, a standing presbytery to attend to the ordination of ministers and other duties of the presbytery. Three of whom shall form a quorum.

A motion was made to change the time of holding the Association. After remarks by several brethren, the motion was laid on the table.

The Moderator appointed E. Dodson, J. M. Jones and H. M. Cates, a committee to nominate the executive commiteee.

The committee reported, and suggested the following brethren as an executive committee, viz: J. J. James, F. M. Jordan, James Poteat, Dr. S. A. Powell and J. J. Yarbrough. Adopted.

The Moderator appointed the following standing committees to report to the next Association:

On Sabbath Schools, P. H. Fontaine, J. E. Jones.
On Periodicals, J. J. James, W. G. Graves, T. W. Graves.
On Temperance, J. H. Caudle, T. J. Valentine.
On State Missions, E. Dodson, H. M. Cates.
On Foreign Missions, S. G. Mason, J. B. Walters.
On Education, J. F. Hardwicke, F. H. Jones.

On motion, the Association unanimously agreed to relinquish her claim for a scholarship in Wake Forest College.

Adjourned to 2 o'clock. Prayer by Elder P. Oliver.

Elder T. A. Reid preached at the stand this morning.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 O'CLOCK.

The Association met. Moderator in the chair.

Elder F. H. Jones who was appointed to see former Clerk, and collect funds due the Association from him, reported, that he had received a watch in pawn for the amount due the Association which had not been redeemed. The Association agreed that Elder James should make the best disposition he could of the watch, and report to next Association.

The following resolution was offered by Elder S. G. Mason, and adopted by the Association

Resolved, That on Friday before the second Sunday in September, each church and congregation in the Association be requested to assemble at their respective places of worship, to render thanks to God for the abundant rains, and to pray for the rains of Divine grace upon thirsty Zion.

Elder E. Dodson read the following item of history, and the Association agreed that it should be inserted in their minutes.

HISTORY.

The Roanoke Association was organized in 1788, and besides several churches in Va., embraced all the churches in Granville, Person, Caswell and Rockingham, N. C.

In 1794 the Flat River Association was formed from the Roanoke and included the churches in N. C.

In 1806, the County Line Association was formed from the Flat River. In 1789 the Roanoke Association convened with Grassy Creek church, Granville county. The ministers present were Samuel Harris, Moderator, John Williams, Clerk, James Hartwell, A. W. Dodson, Lazarus Dodson, John Atkinson, James Read and George Roberts, with others who were the Patriarchs of the denomination. At this session it was resolved to collect materials for the history of the Virginia Baptists, and to build two Seminaries (one on the north, and the other on the south of James River) to educate preachers. The history was furnished by Semple in 1810. The Clerk wrote the circular letter advocating ministerial education. In 1790 Thomas Mullins and Barzilla

Graves were delegates from County Line Church. In the same year they allowed Elders Reuben Pickett and George Roberts 32 shillings each for four days expense to the general meeting at Richmond. ☞ Now ministers although poor, have to pay their own expenses to the general meetings.

In 1791 Thomas Mullins was a delegate from County Line Church. In 1792 Wolf Island Church joined. In 1793 Barzila Graves was from County Line and Thomas Mullins from Linkfork. All these fathers favored the education plan and Williams was progressing in the matter. During all these years George Roberts was pastor of Flat River in Person county. Williams died in 1795, and the education plan delayed by war with France and then with England in 1812, culminated in 1832 in a school by Edward Baptist and Eli Ball, in the Baptist Seminary, and in Richmond College.

MISSIONS.

In 1815, Elders Reuben Pickett, John Jenkins, William Blair and John Britton organized a Foreign Missionary Society at County Line M. H., Halifax, Va. It was to meet annually and each of the four preachers was to be an agent.

JAMES OSBORNE

was a member of the second church in Baltimore, which has always been a missionary body. Elder J. H. Jones, who preached in Baltimore till 1819, when he left, (and the same year the 3d church united with the Baltimore Association,) says, "I suppose his wife and daughter were members with him."

In 1818 the 3d church in Baltimore was constituted, and Elder Osborne was succeeded as pastor by Elder J P. Peckworth, a most decided missionary, Elder Jones thinks the 3rd church was dissolved about 1826. Elder Osborne travelled as missionary in the Baltimore Association, and received funds from that body. Elder J. H. Jones now lives near St. Stephens P. O., King and Queen county, Va.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

In 1821 the Circular letter of County Line Association advocated Sabbath Schools.

E. DODSON.

By invitation, Elder I. B. Lake made statements in regard to Roanoke Female College, located at Danville, Va., and an able speech on female education in general.

On motion, took up a collection for education, amounting in cash and subscriptions to $64.

On motion, agreed to appropriate ($180 far as needed) the funds raised for education in this Association, to the education of H. A. Brown a Licentiate of Summerfield church.

The above amount was subscribed by the following persons:

NAMES.		NAMES.	
James Poteat, pd.	$10 00	J. H. Trainham, pd.	1 00
J. B. Walters, pd.	10 00	Mrs. Kate Walters,	2 00
E. Dodson, pd.	1 00	Mrs. Powell, pd.	5 00
J. F. Hardwicke, pd.	1 00	Mrs. Martha F Betts, pd.	1 00
Edward Moore, pd.	5 00	Mrs. S. G. Graves,	2 00
Dr. J Jones, pd.	1 00	Mrs. Susan Jennett,	2 00
W. G. Graves,	5 00	Mrs. J. A. Poteat,	2 00
Stephen Wilkerson, pd.	2 00	Miss Sallie F. Nichols,	2 00
H. M. Cates, pd.	1 00	Miss Lizzie Lockhart,	1 00
Unknown, pd.	1 00	Mrs. Isabella Guthrie, pd.	1 00
John Jordan,	5 00		

The Executive committee offered the following report which was adopted:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your committee submit the following report: That through their recommendations the State Board have appointed the following brethren, F. H. Jones to labor in Rockingham for half his time at a salary of $250. P. Oliver to labor in Stokes all of his time at a salary of $375. Elder J. H. Caudle to labor in Stokes at a salary of $30 per month. E. Dodson to labor in Rockingham at a salary of $30 per month, all of his time. Elder W. R. Gaultney to labor at Hillsboro and Shops at a salary of $425, for a portion of his time. The church in Hillsboro paying the balance.

The reports of the Missionaries indicate that their labors have not been in vain, but the blessings of the Great Head of the church have attended their ministrations, making them effectual in the salvation of souls, and the building up of the saints in their most holy faith. They also report great destitution in many portions of the Association, but find it very difficult to raise the necessary means at the various stations occupied. This added to the very small amount sent up by the churches for State Missions leave a very considerable deficit in the amount necessary to liquidate their claims against the Board. We give the following tabular statement: To brother Jones we are due $100. To brother Dodson, $251.85. To brother Gaultrey $225. To brother Oliver, $184. To brother Caudle, $72.02.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. J. JAMES, Chairman.

By motion, the Clerk is allowed $15 for his services, and is instructed to apply the remaining fund to the publication of minutes.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered to the brethren and friends of this vicinity for their kind hospitality during the session of the Association.

After prayer by Elder I. B. Lake, and singing an appropriate hymn, in which the delegates and congregation heartily participated, the Association adjourned to meet with the church at Leaksville, on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in August, 1869.

Benediction by Elder S. G. Mason.

JAMES POTEAT, Mod'r.

F. H. Jones, Clerk.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

F. H. JONES, to the Beulah Association,	Dr
To amount received from Finance Committee Ephesus,	$257 31
" " " " collection on Saturday for State Missions,	96 25
" " " " on Sabbath (colored congregation) for S. M.	3 95
" " " " " " " for F. M.	1 35
" " " " collect'n on Monday for Education,	30 00
" " left on hand of last years minute fund,	1 65
" " received from Summerfield church after the Association, for State Missions,	33 00
and for Foreign Missions,	5 00
Total,	$428 51

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By amount paid to W. T. Walters for State Missions,	$311 97
" " for Foreign Missions,	20 53
" " " State Board of Education,	42 63
" " Clerk,	15 00
" " for printing minutes,	34 38
" on hand to send minutes to churches,	4 00
Total,	$428 51

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be called the Beulah Baptist Association.

2. This Association shall be composed of—first, all the ordained ministers who are members of, or have the pastoral charge of, the churches within this Associational district, who shall be members of this Association *ex-officio*; secondly, not more than three delegates from each church within the district aforesaid, who shall produce letters from the churches certifying their appointment; in which said letters shall be stated the numerical standing of said churches—showing their additions, losses and changes of membership, since the last annual Association.

3. The Association shall be held at least once a year, at such time and place as they may appoint; and shall be opened and closed with prayer.

4. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer; the two last offices, however, may be held by the same individual, should such be the pleasure of the Association.

5. The officers aforesaid shall be chosen at each annual session of the Association, by ballot or nomination, as may be the pleasure of a majority of the members; and the Clerk shall be eligible to continue in office until another is appointed; and shall at all times perform the duties of Treasurer, unless another individual be appointed to the latter office.

6. The Association shall have no right to interfere with the internal regulation of the churches, but may tender them advice, and in case any of them should become corrupt in doctrine or practice, exclude such from their fellowship; and shall also have the power to adopt such measures as may be deemed proper to promote the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom.

7. All committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

8. A committee of Arrangements shall be appointed, of which the Moderator and Clerk shall be members *ex-officio.*.

9. It shall be the duty of the committee of arrangements to prepare the business of the Association, and to consider the expediency or inexpediency of bringing any matter before the Association. The action of the committee, however, in relation to any matter, shall not be conclusive; and any matter or proposition which may be rejected by them, may be brought before the Association by any member thereof, who may not concur in that decision.

10. It shall be the duty of the Association to deliberate on the matter prepared by the committee, whether queries or propositions from the churches, or suggestions from the committee, and to make such response, and to offer such counsels as may be deemed fit and proper.

11. The Association may invite Baptist ministers (who may be present) to a seat in their body, who shall be admitted to the privileges of counsel and debate only.

12. An Executive Committee, consisting of five brethren, shall be appointed annually to co-operate with the State Mission Board of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, in supplying destitute churches and neighborhoods in the bounds of this Association with the preaching of the gospel, and shall make an annual report of their doings to this body. Their special duty shall be to assist the State Board in selecting fields of missionary labor in this Association. in obtaining laborers to occupy them, and in superintending and directing them, and in the collection of funds. Any three members of this committee shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

13. The Constitution may be altered or amended, at the annual meeting of the Association, by a vote of two-thirds of the whole body.

14. The power of appointing Presbyteries for the ordination of ministers and the constitution of churches within this district, shall be vested in this Association. And it shall be the duty of the Association at each annual session to appoint a standing Presbytery, to attend to all requests from the churches relating to these matters, during the succeeding Associational year, and until a new presbytery be appointed.

RULES OF ORDER AND DECORUM.

1. The Moderator shall take the chair, every day, during the session, at the hour appointed at the adjournment, and call the members to order, and on the appearance of a quorum, cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read.

2. He shall preserve decorum and order, and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Association by any member.

3. He shall rise to put a question, but may state it sitting. He shall have the right to call any member to perform the duties of the chair temporarily.

4. The Moderator shall not vote on any question, unless the Association be equally divided.

5. He shall not speak in debate while occupying the chair, but may call another to the chair, and then he shall have the privilege of speaking in common with any other member.

6. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Association, he shall rise from his seat and address himself to the Moderator.

7. When two or more members rise at the same time, the Moderator shall name the person to speak first.

8. No man shall speak more than twice on the same question, without leave of the Association.

9. No member shall absent himself, finally, from the Association without leave.

10. Decency of speech shall be observed, and personal reflections avoided.

11. Whilst the Moderator is putting any question, or addressing the Association, no person shall speak, stand up, or walk out or across the house; nor when a member is speaking, entertain private discourse, stand up, or pass between him and the Moderator.

12. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to a day certain, to commit or amend—which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand arranged.

13. All committees shall consist of three members, unless otherwise ordered by the Association

14. A select committee shall be appointed on the first day of the Association, to select the ministers who are to preach on Saturday, and the succeeding days of the meeting, and give notice thereof to the respective ministers, whose duty it shall be to conform to the arrangements thus made.

15. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be put by the Moderator, unless withdrawn by the mover.

16. No standing rules shall be rescinded, altered or suspended, unless by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

17. The Constitution and Rules of Order and Decorum, shall be read on Saturday of each session of this Association.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	COUNTIES.	POST-OFFICE.	Ch. Meeting.	Baptized.	Rec. by letter.	Dis. by letter.	Excluded.	Restored.	Deceased.	Total.	Asso. Fund.	S. Missions.	F. Missions.	Education.
Beulah,	R. A. Moore,	W. R. Pleasants,	Caswell,	Yanceyville,	3	1		2	1			45	$ 3 35	$33 95	$ 2 30	$ 2 00
Beaver Island,		J. A. Vernon,	Rockingham,	Madison,				2				52	1 40	13 30	2 04	
Cane Creek,	F. M. Jordan,	H. M. Cates,	Orange,	Rock Spring,	1	8	5	2	4			257		15 00	9 60	
Clement,	J. E. Montague,	Thos. K. Glenn,	Person,	Roxboro,	3	5		1			1	57	2 75	20 00		
Cool Spring,	F. M. Jordan,	F. M. Jordan, p tem	Orange,	Hillsboro',		1						41	2 00	5 05		
Elm Grove,	R. R. Gourley,	J. B. York,	Guilford,	Summerfield,	3	4			4		1	50	1 25	6 50	1 25	
Ephesus,	J. F. Hardwicke,	O. Falkner,	Person,	Cuningham's S.	2		2		1		1	44		20 00		
Friendship,	P. Oliver,	John Ferguson,	Stokes,	Wilson's Store,	1	5	1	1	1		1	68	2 55	24 50		
Greensboro,		C. C. Hufman, p tem	Guilford,	Greensboro,		6		4		1		37	2 00	8 50		
Good Will,	P. Oliver,	P. Oliver, pro tem,	Stokes,	Germanton,	4	14	1	2	2		1	43	2 00	25 50		
Hillsboro',	W. R. Gaultney,	J. E. Jones,	Orange,	Hillsboro,									2 00			
Hogan's Creek,	F. H. Jones,	F. H. Jones, pro tem	Rockingham,	Reidsville,	4		1	7				56	1 00	50 40		
Kerr's Chapel,	F. M. Jordan,	T. W. Graves,	Caswell,	Yanceyville,	4	1		1	4		1	80	2 00	1 00		
Leaksville,	R. N. Lee,	C. G. Jones,	Rockingham,	Leaksville.	1	12	1	3	2		1	144	2 25	8 00		
Mt. Olive,	J. H. Caudle,	V. G. Slate,	Stokes,	Little Yadkin,	2			3	3			95	65			
Mayfield,																
Mar's Hill,	F. M. Jordan,	W. Ward,	Orange,	Hillsboro',	2	6		1	1			49	2 50	10 00		
Mt. Hermon,	J. I. Lowell,	A. C. Hunter,	"	"	1		1		4		1		1 85			
Milton,	J. F. Hardwicke,	J. J. Yarborough,	Caswell,	Milton,	1			2	1			196	3 00	21 77	10 68	10 63
Mill Creek,	J. E. Montague,	T. J. Montague,	Person,	Roxboro',	4	1	3		1			105	3 00	10 00		
Madison,		W. R. Lindsay,	Rockingham,	Madison,	4		1	3			3	71	2 00	15 25	12 00	
Oak Ridge,	P. Oliver,	J. M. Martin,	Stokes,	Crooked Creek,			4					19	90	17 50		
Providence,																
Red Bank,	Wm. Turner,	T. J. Valentine,	Stokes,	Germanton,	3	6	2			1		51	2 50			
Summerfield,	F. H. Jones,	J. W. Winchester,	Guilford,	Summerfield,	2	27	1				1	79	2 55	33 00	4 95	26 30
Trinity,	S. G. Mason,	A. Z. Graves,	Caswell,	Locust Hill,	3	1			2		2	60	2 25	10 25		
Yanceyville,	S. G. Mason,	F. J. Dennis,	"	Yanceyville,		1			1		3	139	3 00	35 00	17 00	
						99	23	34	32	2	17	1838	$48 75	392 97	$59 77	$38 93

Form of Tables to be used by the Clerks of Churches, and Supt's. of Sunday Schools.

Statistical Table of .... Church. .... Clerk.

Location.	Time of Meeting.	Pastor.	Pastor's Residence	Clerk's Residence	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Male.	Female.	Total.

Contributions of .... Church.

Pastor's Salary.	Incidental Expenses	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education	S. School Board State N C	Printing Minutes.	Religious Papers taken.	Miscellaneous.

Sunday School of .... Church .... Supt.

Teachers.	Scholars.	Male.	Female.	Meets.	What part of year.	Superin-tendents.	Post office of Supt.	No. verses Scripture recited.	Scholars professed religion past year.	Copies of Kind Words taken.	Vols. in Library.	Col'tions	Remarks.

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According to the 1871 Beulah minutes, p. 8:

"...~~"No~~ no meeting of this body ~~was held~~ during last year, (their place of meeting being occupied by a military force~~"~~), . . .

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Officers of the Association.

JAMES POTEAT, *Moderator, Yanceyville, N. C.*
H. A. BROWN, *Clerk, Madison, N. C.*

Trustees.

JAMES POTEAT,
WM. B. GRAVES,
WM. LEA,
JOSEPH M. SWIFT,
WM. G. GRAVES.

Trustees of Beulah Male Institute.

MILTON STAMPS, *President of Board.*
PLEASANT WEBSTFR,
J. S. WALL,
JOHN M. LINDSAY,
T. J. ROBERTSON.

Ministers of the Association.

Names.	*Post Offices.*	
A. H. Barnes,	Germanton,	N. C.
J. H. Caudle,	Little Yadkin,	"
W. S. Fontaine,	Greensboro,	"
P. H. Fontaine,	Reidsville,	"
J. J. James,	Yanceyville,	"
F. M. Jordan,	Hillsboro,	"
Jesse Wheeler,	Summerfield,	"
F. H. Jones,	Anderson's Store,	"
S. G. Mason,	Yanceyville,	"
R. A. Moore,	Milton,	"
P. Oliver,	Germanton,	"
J. Lewell,	Francisco,	"
J. B. Richardson,	High Point,	"
H. A. Brown,	Madison,	"
Licentates.—W. W. Petree,	Germanton,	"

PROCEEDINGS.

FRIDAY, August 11th, 1871.

The Beulah Baptist Association met in its 37th Annual Session with the Yanceyville Baptist Church, Caswell County, North Carolina.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder F. M. JORDAN, from Philippians 1:—9—13.

After a recess, the Association was called to order by Bro. James Poteat, former Moderator. Religious exercises conducted by Elder P. Oliver.

On motion, the roll of Churches was called, letters read and delegates enrolled, as follows:

Beulah.—Sydney S. Lea, Wm. B. Pleasant and Joseph Moore.
Leaksville.—J. J. Dallas.
Clement.—John E. Harris and John Coleman.
Friendship.—Wm. H. Moore.
Beaver Island.—Letter.
Kerr's Chapel.—A. B. Walker, Thos. W. Graves and T. Y. Baynes.
Mt. Olive.—Albert Boyles, J. M. Dorset and J. M. Eaton.
Elm Grove.—H. Parrish.
Reidsville.—Wm. Pritchett.
Red Bank.—C. W. Marshall, J. Guthrie and Thos. J. Valentine.
Yanceyville.—Wm. Lee, B. Lounds and James Poteat.
Mars Hill.—Elder F. M. Jordan and William Ward.
Summerfield.—H. A. Brown and Bartlett Wilson.
Providence.—Not represented.
Trinity.—R. Stamps and Thomas Slade.
Good Will.—Not represented.
Madison.—Letter.
Geensboro.—Elder W. S. Fontaine, A. J. Dodomead and P.D.Weaver.
Ephesus.—J. A. Gennett, Wm. M. Falkner and Wm. V. Moore.
Milton.—J. B. Walters and J. E. Jordan.
Cool Spring.—Not represented.
Oak Ridge.— " "
Mayfield.— " "

The Association elected JAMES POTEAT, *Moderator*, and H. A. BROWN, *Clerk*.

Corresponding Messengers were invited to seats with us: A. B. Brown, D. D., Elder W. N. Reid and Brn. J. C. and W. L. Gardner, from the Roanoke Association; and W. N. Wingate, D. D., President of Wake Forest College, accepted the invitation.

The following committees were appointed:

On Religious Exercises.—Pastor and Deacons of Yanceyville Church.

On Finance.—J. B. Walters, T. J. Valentine and T. Y. Baynes.

On Arrangements.—Elders F. M. Jordan, S. G. Mason and J. J. James.

On motion, the Association agreed to meet each morning at 9 o'clock, and adjourn at 12:30 P. M. Meet again at 2:30 P. M., and adjourn at pleasure.

It was further agreed to spend the first half hour, after meeting each morning, in humble prayer to God.

On motion, adjourned till Saturday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Elder P. H. Fontaine.

SATURDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Association met and spent half an hour in devotional exercises, conducted by Elder J. D. Hufham.

The Association was then called to order by the Moderator. Roll was called. Proceedings of yesterday read and approved. The Committee on Arrangements reported. Report received.

The Constitution and Rules of Decorum were read by the Clerk; Elder Jones moved that the ordained Ministers of the Association be appointed a Presbytery to attend to all business coming under their charge.

An invitation was then extended to visiting brethren, which was accepted by J. D. Hufham, Corresponding Secretary of Baptist State Convention, and J. H. Mills, Editor of the *Biblical Recorder.*

Elder Richardson made a few remarks concerning the condition of the Baptist House of Worship in Greensboro, and asked the privilege of presenting, privately, to the members of the Association the claims of that church.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended for the purpose of attending to other important business.

On motion, Messengers to Sister Associations were called on to report; Elder F. M. Jordan attended the Pee Dee; Elder P. Oliver attended the Liberty.

The following delegates to Sister Associations were appointed:

To Blue Ridge.—Elders P. H. Fontaine, R. Gourly, F. M. Jordan.

To Flat River.—Elder F. M. Jordan and Bro. J. W. Hunt.

To Roanoke.—Elders S. G. Mason, P. H. Fontaine, J. J. James and Bros. J. J. Yarboro and J. J. Dallas.

To Sandy Creek.—Elder F. M. and Bro. John Jordan.

To Pee Dee.—Bro. John Jordan.

To Central.—Bro. J. H. Vernon.

To Mt. Zion.—Elders F. H. Jones and Bros. A. J. Dodamead and P. D. Weaver.

To Liberty.—Elders F. H. Jones, P. Oliver, Jesse Wheeler and H. A. Brown.

On motion, it was agreed by the Association that all the contributions made by the churches during the two years past, be placed on the Minutes of this year.

The Committee on Periodicals offered the following

REPORT.

Your Committee beg leave to report: 1st, That the *Biblical Recorder*, published weekly in Raleigh, by J. H. Mills and Elder J. C. Hiden, is an able exponent of Baptist principles, and is eminently worthy of patronage by every Baptist in North Carolina. We recommend it as a good organ for the laity. 2nd, That the *Home and Foreign Journal*, the organ of the three boards of the Southern Baptist Convention, published monthly in Richmond, Va., contains much valuable information and encouragement to every one interested in either or all the objects of the Convention, viz: Home and Foreign Missions and Sabbath Schools. This paper should be taken and read by every Baptist and Baptist family in all the Southern States. 3rd, That *Kind Words the Child's Delight*, published semi-monthly in Memphis, Tenn., is a most excellent Sabbath School paper, and should be introduced into every Baptist Sunday School in the South.

THOS. J. VALENTINE, *Chairman.*

After remarks by Elders W. N. Reid, S. G. Mason, J. J. James, P. H. Fontaine, J. D. Hufham, F. H. Jones, A. B. Brown, F. M. Jordan and Brn. T. J. Valentine, Thos. W. Graves and G. H. Mills, the report was adopted.

On motion, a committee of seven was appointed to take into consideration the propriety of changing the 12th Article of the Constitution.

The Moderator appointed on that committee, Elders J. J. James, F. M. Jordan, P. Oliver, P. H. Fontaine and Brn. J. J. Yarboro, J. Guthrie and Munford Falkner.

On motion, agreed to hold the next Association with the church at Reidsville, Rockingham County, N. C., to meet on Friday before the second Sabbath in August, 1872. Elder J. J. James to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder H. A. Brown alternate.

The Association adjourned till 3 o'clock.

SATURDAY, 2:30, P. M.

The Association met, and after appropriate remarks by Elders Richardson and P. H. Fontaine, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Beulah Baptist Association, heretofore appointed, have, some of them, removed beyond the bounds of the Association, and others have grown aged and infirm, and it therefore becomes necessary to appoint other Trustees as successors to those formerly appointed:

It is therefore ordered by the Association that Calvin Graves, George S. DeJarnett, T. D. Oldham, Jasper C. Davis, John M. Lindsay and A. Barrow be, and they are hereby removed from the said office of Trustees aforesaid. And it is further ordered that James Poteat, Wm. B. Graves, Wm. Lee, Joseph M. Swift and Wm. G. Graves be, and they are hereby appointed Trustees of the Beulah Baptist Association as successors to those persons above named, now removed by the action of the Assosiation.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Trustees of the Association be instructed to dispose of the Baptist House of Worship in Greensboro, and to apply the proceeds thereof to the erection of a new house of worship for the Greensboro Baptist Church.

The Committee on State of Missions offered the following

REPORT.

There is in North Carolina an extensive mission field open to the Baptists. We number only 75,000 to 80,000 members, in a population of over one million.

The importance of prosecuting this vigorously and at once, can hardly be over-estimated. The Board of Missions of our State Convention have been doing what they could in this great enterprise. At the beginning of the year they were embarrassed and hindered by old debts due to former missionaries. These debts demanded instant and earnest attention, and most of them have been paid off. There have been seven missionaries in the field. Through their labors about one hundred persons have been baptized, one church has been organized, and four new houses of worship are in contemplation. This is not all that should have been done, but it is still enough to afford matter of gratitude and encouragement. The Board are anxious to extend their work. It is for the churches to say how soon this work shall be done. We recommend increased liberality towards this department of our denominational work. We also recommend that quarterly contributions for it be sent up by each church in this body.

Impressive speeches were made by Dr. Brown of the Roanoke Association, and Elder J. D. Hufham, Corresponding Secretary of State Mission Board. Pending the adoption of the report, contributions were made amounting to $65 00.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools offered the following

REPORT.

Your Committee would state that they feel gratified to see the increased interest taken in Sabbath Schools within the past two years. From the reading of the letters it seems that the brethren have partially opened their eyes to the cause of the Sabbath School work. God grant that the interest may increase until there shall not be a church nor a school-house in the bounds of your Association without a Sunday School. They feel that they can testify to some of the happy results derived from engaging in the great and noble work. They feel satisfied in saying that there is no other work better calculated to benefit the rising generation than the Sunday School work, save the preaching of the blessed gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

After a brief address by Dr. Wingate and Bros. J. H. Mills and B. Lounds, it was moved that the report be laid on the table until Monday morning. Motion prevailed.

The Committee appointed to discuss the propriety of changing the 12th Article of the Constitution, made a verbal report recommending that said Article be stricken from the Constitution.

On motion, the report was laid on the table until Monday morning.

The Association adjourned until Monday morning, 9 o'clock. Prayer by Dr. Brown.

SABBATH.

Services were held in the different churches as follows:

In the Presbyterian church, Elder A. B. Brown, D. D., preached at 11 o'clock, A. M. At 3 o'clock, P. M., Elder P. H. Fontaine.

In the Methodist church, Elder J. D. Hufham, at 11 o'clock A. M.

In the Baptist church, Elder W. M. Wingate, D. D., at 11 o'clock, A. M. At 3 o clock the ordination of H. A. Brown took place.

In the court-house, Elder F. H. Jones preached to the colored people, at 11 A. M. At 3 o'clock P. M., Elder Jesse Wheeler.

MONDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M.

After spending half an hour in devotional exercises, conducted by Elder P. H. Fontaine, the Moderator called the Association to order. Roll was called. Proceedings of Saturday read and approved.

On motion, the report on Sabbath Schools was adopted.

The report of the Committee appointed to take into consideration the propriety of changing the 12th Article of the Constitution, was then taken up. Speeches were made by Br'n. T. J. Valentine, Thos. W. Graves and B. Lounds, and Elders P. H. Fontaine, J. J. James, S. G. Mason, F. M. Jordan, F. H. Jones and J. D. Hufham.

When the discussion had closed, the vote was taken, and the report rejected.

On motion, adjourned until 2:30, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Elder Oliver moved that Bros. A. B. Walker, J. Guthrie and Joel Walters be appointed to nominate an Executive Committee.

Elder James offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS four churches, viz: Hillsboro, Cane Creek, Mt. Hermon and Mill Creek, formerly belonging to this Association, have united with other Baptist churches in forming a new Association; and whereas, the said four churches did so without obtaining letters of dismission from this body: therefore, *Resolved*, That this Association is obliged to regard their action as irregular and not in the future to be followed; yet, notwithstanding such irregularity, this Association does not feel to withhold from them fellowship and fraternal correspondence, inasmuch as there was no meeting of this body during last year (their place of meeting being occupied by a military force, which prevented it) and it being deemed important that the new Association should be organized without further delay.

On motion the resolution was adopted.

Elder P. H. Fontaine submitted the

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The State Board of Education has been educating at Wake Forest College, three young men, candidates for the ministry, and three others have been supported by the Association of the State.

The Committee, feeling the importance of Baptists being educated at Baptist Schools, heartily recommend to the Association, for their patronage and support, Wake Forest College and the Raleigh Female Seminary.

Your committee would call the attention of the Association to the importance of establishing and maintaining Academies and High Schools in the bounds of the Association, especially for training and preparing our youth for entering our Colleges.

P. H. FONTAINE, *Chairman.*

After impressive speeches by Dr. Wingate and Elder J. D. Hufham the report was received. A collection was taken amounting to $45 00.

The committee appointed to nominate an Executive Committee, reported the following: Elders S. G. Mason, F. H. Jones, P. H. Fontaine and Brn. William Lee and J. B. Walters.

On motion, the report was received.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended to allow Elder Richardson an opportunity of appealing for funds to build a House of Worship in Greensboro. A collection was taken amounting to $40 00.

Elder James read the following:

Resolved, That the progress which our Foreign Missions have made, and which have of late been so cheering, should stimulate the churches to contribute statedly to aid in supporting them, according as God has or may prosper us. Adopted.

Elder Mason offered the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be presented to the Presbyterian and Methodist churches for the use of their houses during the session of the Association. Adopted.

The following resolution was also adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered to the brethren and friends of this vicinity for their kind hospitality during our stay with them.

On motion, it was agreed to place an advertisement for Wake Forest College on the back of our Minutes. Carried.

On motion, the Clerk was allowed 15 dollars for his services, and instructed to expend the remaining fund for Minutes.

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees to report to the next Association:

On Sunday Schools.—Thos. Slade and T. J. Valentine.

On Periodicals.—J. B. Walters and P. Oliver.

On Foreign Missions.—Elders J. J. James, S. G. Mason and Bro. T. Y. Baynes.

On State Missions.—Elders F. M. Jordan and J. B. Richardson.

On Education.—Elder P. H. Fontaine and Bro. Dodamead.

The following delegates were appointed to attend the Baptist State Convention.

1st. All the ordained ministers belonging to the Association. 2nd. Brn. A. B. Walker, T. Y. Baynes, Joel B. Walters, T. J. Valentine, B. Marshall, B. Guthrie, W. G. Graves, Wm. B. Graves, Thos. Slade, Gen. W. Lee and Jas. Poteat.

The Finance Committee reported as follows:

Received for	State Missions, - - - -	$78 32
"	Foreign Missions, - - - -	74 30
"	Education, - - - - -	25 20
"	Associational Fund, - - - -	45 80
		$223 62

The report was received.

It was ordered that the funds for State Missions, Foreign Missions and Education be paid to the Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention.

Elder Mason offered the following:

Resolved, That we set apart Saturday before the 3rd Sabbath in September, as a day of fasting and prayer. Adopted.

On motion, prayer was offered for rain, Elder W. S. Fontaine leading.

The Executive Committee reported verbally "that they have decided to recommend that Elder H. A. Brown be employed by the State Mission Board to labor as Missionary in the upper part of this Association." Adopted.

On motion, adjourned to meet with the Church at Reidsville, on Friday before the 2d Sabbath in August, 1872.

The parting hymn was sung and prayer offered, Dr. Wingate leading.

Thus passed one of the most delightful and profitable meetings of this body.

JAMES POTEAT, *Moderator.*

H. A. Brown, *Clerk.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

H. A. Brown, to the Beulah Association,	Dr.
To amount received from Finance Committee	$223 62
“ “ by collection for State Missions	65 30
“ “ “ “ “ Education	46 65
	$335 57
	Cr.
By amount paid J. D. Hufham, Corresponding Secretary Baptist State Convention- -	$289 77
By amount paid Clerk - - - - - -	15 00
“ “ for printing Minutes - - -	29 00
“ “ for sending Minutes to Churches -	1 80
	$335 57

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	Church Meetings.	Baptized........	Received by letter..	Dismissed by letter	Expelled............	Restored............	Deceased............	Total....................	Association Fund..	State Missions.....	Foreign Missions...	Education	No of State Schools	Number of Pupils..
Beulah,	S. G. Mason,	Wm. R. Pleasant,	Yanceyville,	3	14		4	1			50	$1 50	$6 00	$4 50	$8 00		
Beaver Island,		J. A. Vernon, *pro tem*	Madison,								51	2 00	5 75				
Clement,	J. E. Montague,	J. B. Pleasant,	Roxborough,	3	1	3	7	1		1	60	2 50	3 50	1 00			
Cool Spring,																	
Elm Grove,	Jesse Wheeler,	John Deans,	Summerfield,	3		2		1		2	45	1 70					
Ephesus,	S. G. Mason,	Ob'd Falkner,	Cunningham's Store,	2	5	2	4				50	3 00	24 70			1	50
*Friendship,	A. H. Barnes,	John Ferguson,	Wilson's Store,	1	8	1		1			79	2 25	19 00			1	20
Greensboro,	J. B. Richardson,	W.S.Fontaine*pro tem*	Greensboro',	1	1	7	3				45	2 50				1	18
Good Will,																	
Reidsville,	P. H. Fontaine,	Pinkney Hall,	Reidsville,	4		5	1				48	2 82	12 00			1	70
*Kerr's Chapel,	F. H. Jones,	Thos. W. Graves,	Yanceyville,	4	12	3		2			88	4 25	28 00	8 00	23 45	1	25
*Leaksville,	F. H. Jones,	C. G. Jones,	Leaksville,	3	15		9	3			148	2 00	43 75	1 00	1 00	2	160
*Mt. Olive,	P. Oliver,	Albert Boyles	Little Yadkin,	4	18		3	1		3	85	2 25	15 00				
Mayfield,																	
*Mar's Hill,	F. H. Jones,	John Jordan,	Hillsboro,	1	8	2				1	55	2 50	46 00		11 20	1	75
Milton,	S. G. Mason,	J. J. Yarborough,	Milton,	1	15	3		3	1		104	4 25	19 50	9 75	9 75	3	75
Madison,	R. D. Haymore,	W. R. Lindsay,	Madison,	4	2	3	3	1			75	40	12 10			1	15
Oak Ridge,																	
Providence,																	
*Red Bank,	Wm. Turner,	T. J. Valentine,	Germanton,	3	22	2	1			2	62	3 00	36 50	14 50		1	
Summerfield,	F. H. Jones,	J. W. Winchester,	Hillsdale,	2			4			2	77	2 85	14 00			1	40
Trinity,		A, Graves,	Locust Hill,	1			1	1			46	3 00					
Yanceyville,	S. G. Mason,	Jas. Poteat,	Yanceyville,	4	28	3	8	3		3	137	4 00		38 00		3	92

* Contributions for 1870 included.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Article 1. This Association shall be called the Beulah Baptist Association.

Art. 2. This Association shall be composed of—first, all the ordained ministers who are members of, or have the pastoral charge of the churches within this Association district, who shall be members of the Association, *ex-officio*;—secondly, not more than three delegates from each church within the district aforesaid, who shall produce letters from the churches certifying their appointment; in which said letters from the said churches—showing their additions, losses and changes of membership, since the last annual Association.

Art. 3. The Association shall be held at least once a year, at such time and place as they may appoint; and shall be opened and closed with prayer.

Art. 4. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer; the two last offices, however, may be held by the same individual, should such be the pleasure of the Association.

Art. 5. The officers aforesaid shall be chosen at each annual session of the Association, by ballot or nomination, as may be the pleasure of a majority of the members; and the Clerk shall be eligible to continue in office until another is appointed; and shall at all times perform the duties of Treasurer, unless another individual be appointed to the latter office.

Art. 6. The Association shall have no right to interfere with the internal regulations of the churches, but may tender them advice; and in case any of them should become corrupt in doctrine or practice, exclude such from their fellowship; and shall also have the power to adopt such measures as may be deemed proper to promote the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom.

Art, 7. All committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

Art. 8. All committees of Arrangements shall be appointed, of which the Moderator and Clerk shall be members *ex-officio.*

Art. 9. It shall be the duty of the committee of Arrangements to prepare the business of the Association, and to consider the expediency or inexpediency of bringing any matter before the Association. The action of the committee, however, in relation to any matter, shall not be conclusive; and any matter or proposition which may be rejected by them, may be brought before the Association by any member thereof who may not concur in that decision.

Art. 10. It shall be the duty of the Association to deliberate on the matter prepared by the committee, whether queries or propositions from the churches, or suggestions from the committee, and to make such response, and to offer such counsels as may be deemed fit and proper.

Art. 11. The Association may invite Baptist ministers (who may be present) to a seat in their body, who shall be admitted to the privileges of counsel and debate only.

Art. 12. An Executive committee, consisting of five brethren, shall be appointed at each session of the Association; which committee shall direct the Missionary operations of the Association and make an annual report of its proceedings to this body. Three of these brethren shall constitute a quorum for business, and all money sent up by the churches for Associational Missions shall be paid over to this committee.

Art. 13. The Constitution may be altered or amended, at the annual meeting of the Association, by a vote of two-thirds of the whole body.

Art. 14. The power of appointing Presbyteries for the ordination of ministers and the constitution of churches within this district, shall be vested in this Association. And it shall be the duty of the Association at each annual session to appoint a standing Presbytery to attend to all requests from the churches relating to these matters, during the succeeding Associational year, and until a new Presbytery be appointed.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The Moderator shall take the chair every day during the session, at the hour appointed at the adjournment, and call the members to order, and on the appearance of a quorum, cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read.

2. He shall preserve decorum and order, shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Association by any member.

3. He shall rise to put a question, but may state it sitting. He shall have the right to call any member to perform the duties of the chair temporarily.

4. The Moderator shall not vote on any question, unless the Association be equally divided.

5. He shall not speak in debate while occupying the chair, but may call another to the chair, and then he shall have the privilege of speaking in common with any other member.

6. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Association, he shall rise and address himself to the Moderator.

7. When two or more members rise at the same time, the Moderator shall name the person to speak first.

8. No man shall speak more than twice on the same question, without leave of the Association.

9. No member shall absent himself, finally, from the Association, without leave.

10. Decency of speech shall be observed, and personal reflections avoided.

11. While the Moderator is putting any question, or addressing the Association, no person shall speak, stand up, or walk out or across the house; nor when a member is speaking, entertain private discourses, stand up, or pass between him and the Moderator.

12. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to a day certain, to commit or amend—which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand arranged.

13. All committees shall consist of three members, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

14. A select committee shall be appointed on the first day of the Association, to select the ministers who are to preach on Saturday and the succeeding days of the meeting, and give notice thereof to the respective ministers, whose duty it shall be to conform to the arrangements thus made.

15. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be put by the Moderator, unless withdrawn by the mover.

16. No standing rules shall be rescinded, altered, or suspended, unless by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

17. The Constitution and Rules of Order and Decornm shall be read on Saturday of each session of this Association.

Wake Forest College.

The Annual Session begins September 15th and closes on the 4th Thursday in June.

EXPENSES IN CURRENCY.

Tuition per Term of Five Months,	$35 00
Board (without lodging) per week,	2 50 to 3 00
" (with lodging) " "	3 00 to 3 50
" in "Clubs" (without lodging) per week,	1 50 to 2 00
Room-Rent and Servant-Hire, each, " "	15

Washing, Fuel and Lights at moderate rates.

EDUCATION OF MINISTERS.

The faculty are authorized to receive candidates for the Christian Ministry without charge for tuition, provided they shall be recommended by some ecclesiastical authority.

The Education Board of the Baptist State Convention afford further pecuniary aid to indigent young men, who furnish satisfactory testimonials of character, and fitness for the work of the Ministry.

If any student shall accept either of the above gratuities, and shall afterwards abandon the ministry, the tuition fees, and the pecuniary aid extended, shall be held as debts due respectively to the College, and to the Board of Education.

For Catalogue of Institution, address,

W. M. WINGATE, President.

Forestville, N. C.

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John Kerr, Moderator—Yanceyville, N. C.
H. A. Brown, Clerk, Aspin Grove, N. C.
T. B. Lindsay, Assistant Clerk, Madison. N. C.

TRUSTEES:

Jas. Poteat, Jas. M. Swift,
W. B. Graves, W. G. Graves,
Wm. Lea.

MINISTERS:

P. H. Fontaine, Reidsville, N. C.
J. J. James, Yanceyville, N. C.
F. M. Jordan, Hillsboro, N. C.
Jesse Wheeler, Wentworth, N. C.
F. H. Jones, Anderson's Store. N. C.
P. Oliver, Little Yadkin, N. C.
P. Terrell, Francisco, N. C.
Robert Gourly, Winston, N. C.
J. B. Richardson, Greensboro, N. C.
H. A. Brown, Aspen Grove, N. C

LICENTIATES.

R. W. Crews, Germanton, N. C.
J. M. White, Germanton, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

FRIDAY, August 7th, 1874.

The Beulah Baptist Association meets in its fortieth annual session with the Arm of the Milton church, near Yarbrough's Mills, Caswell County, N. C.

The introductory sermon is preached by Eld. P. H. Fontaine.

Text: 1st Cor., 15th chapter, part of 13th verse—"But the greatest of these is charity."

After a recess the Association is called to order by bro. John Kerr, former Moderator.

Religious exercises are conducted.

The roll of names is called, letters read, and delegates enrolled as follows:

BEULAH.—W. R. Bryant
MADISON.—T. B. Lindsay.
YANCEYVILLE.—John Kerr, W. B. Graves, Jas Poteat.
SUMMERFIELD.—Bartlett Wilson. Alfred Powell.
LEAKSVILLE.—C. G. Jones, W. C. Kemp.
GOOD WILL.—Letter.
REIDSVILLE.—J. M. Williams, R. M. McLaughlin.
RED BANK.—J. Guthrie, T. J. Valentine, E. W. Marshall.
PROVIDENCE, PERSON CO.—Drury Gravitt, Sam'l. Pate.
WINSTON.—Letter.
MARS HILL.—Artemus Compton.
EPHESUS.—Wm. M. Faulkner, John L. Williams.
TRINITY.—Azariah Graves, P. N. Howard.
CLEMENT.—J. E. Harris, J. S. Coleman, J. L. Wilkerson.
KERR'S CHAPEL.—T. Y. Baynes, Eddie Dillard.
PROVIDENCE, CASWELL CO.—Jas. Tally, Zack Thompson.
GREENSBORO.—J. P. Bridgers.
BEAVER ISLAND.—Jas. A. Vernon, J. T. Vernon.
OAK RIDGE.—J. M. Martin.

The following churches not represented: Friendship, Elm Grove, Mt. Olive, Mayfield, Cool Spring.

On motion, the Association re-elects brother John Kerr as Moderator, who, after appropriate remarks, takes the chair to preside over the deliberations of the body.

Brother T. B. Lindsay is elected Assistant Clerk.

Corresponding Messengers from sister Associations are called upon to report. Brother J. T. Averett, Associate Principal of Roanoke Female College and Corresponding Messenger from Roanoke Association, is welcomed to a seat with us.

Elder Hufham, Corresponding Secretary of Baptist State Convention, and Elder Elias Dodson are greeted as visiting brethren.

The following committees are appointed:

On Religious Exercises.—Pastor and Deacons of Milton Church;

On Arrangements.—H. A. Brown, T. B. Lindsay, W. B. Graves;

On Finance.—T. J. Valentine, Jas. Poteat, Azariah Graves.

On motion, the Association agrees to meet at nine o'clock each morning, and adjourn at half-past twelve; meet again at two, P. M., and adjourn at will. The first half-hour each morning to be spent in religious exercises.

On motion, the following brethren are appointed to visit sister Associations:

ROANOKE.—P. H. Fontaine.
SANDY CREEK.—J. B. Richardson.
PEE DEE.—F. M. Jordan.
CENTRAL.—H. A. Brown.
MT. ZION.----F. H. Jones.
LIBERTY.----Z. J. Marshal, P. Oliver, T. J. Valentine.
ROCKY RIVER.----Robert Gourly.

In the absence of the brethren appointed to report on education, brethren P. H. Fontaine and Azariah Graves are requested to to prepare a report on that subject.

A letter from Providence church, (recently constructed in Caswell County,) is read, and on motion of Elder Jones the church is received into the Association. The Moderator extends the hand of fellowship to the delegate.

Elder P. H. Fontaine reads a report on the Beulah Male Institute, in which it is stated that there are claims against said Institute to the amount of $251,00; furthermore, that $40 is due the Trustees for rent, but not available at present. After remarks by Elders P. H. Fontaine, E. Dodson, and brother Azariah Graves, the further consideration of the subject is deferred until Saturday.

On motion, adjourned. Prayer by Elder J. D. Hufham.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK,
August 8, 1874.

After religious exercises, conducted by the Moderator, the Association proceeded to business. Proceedings of yesterday read and approved. Constitution and Rules of order are read before the Association. The report of the committee on Arrangements is read and received.

W. T. Walters, D. D., Treasurer of Wake Forest College, bro. Patterson, from Sandy Creek Association, and other visiting brethren are invited to seats.

On motion of Elder Fontaine, the Clerk of the Association is instructed to have a number of advertisements inserted in the back of our minutes, and whatever funds may be on hand after the publication of 1.000 copies of the minutes, are to be given to the cause of State Missions.

The report in reference to the indebtedness of Beulah Male Institute is now taken up.

Remarks are submitted by Elders F. H. Jones, E. Dodson, P. H. Fontaine, J. D. Hufham, Moderator Kerr, and brother Bridgers, The following resolution, offered by Elder Fontaine, is adopted:

RESOLVED, That the Trustees of Beulah Male Iastitute be instructed to transfer the title of the same to Wake Forest College.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We find from the returns made at our last meeting by the churches but little to cause us to believe that our churches properly estimate the importance of Sunday-school institution. 'Tis a fact greatly to be deplored, that so large a part of our membership are satisfied to do nothing in the matter of Sunday-schools, and thus deprive themselves of one of the best means known of doing good to others, and thereby getting good for themselves. It is the means above all others which God owns and blesses to the prosperity of those churches which foster and prosecute this noble work. Your committee may therefore well ask can nothing be said or done by which a spirit of inquiry may be aroused, inducing us to examine ourselves, one and all, and see if it is not our special duty to take hold of the work, to hold on and never let go, until we shall find our work done on earth and be prepared to enter upon a noble work above.

Elder Jones reads a letter from the Yanceyville Sabbath-school, furnishing cheering news and valuable statistics.

The Association is addressed by Elders Hufham, Jones and Walters. Recess.

SATURDAY EVENING, 2 O'CLOCK.

The subject of Sunday schools is resumed. Addresses are delivered by brother J. T. Averett, Elders Dodson, Fontaine, and Moderator Kerr. On motion the report is received.

Elder P. H Fontaine reads the

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

It is of vital importance to the Baptists of the State, that they should work together. In order to accomplish this, they must have constant correspondence with each other. The most practical way of doing this is to have a "newspaper" in which we can learn what the brethren are doing in the different parts of the State, and have suggestions about the best mode of carrying on the work. Such a medium we have in the *Biblical Recorder*, and it is our duty to see that it is well sustained.

For the "Foreign Mission Work" we have the *Foreign Mission Journal*, published in Richmond, Va., and for use in our Sunday schools, *Kind Words*, published at Marion, Alabama.

The Association is addressed by Elders Walters, Dodson and Fontaine, and brother Pate. The report is received.

On motion, adjourn. Prayer by Elder Jones.

SABBTTH.

Services are held as follows: In the house, at nine o'clock, Sunday-school addresses are delivered by brother J. T. Averett, Elders Hufham and Fontaine; at eleven o'clock, sermon by Elder P. H. Fontaine; at two o'clock, sermon by Elder J. J. James. At the stand: at eleven o'clock, sermon by Elder W. T. Walters, D. D.; at two o'clock, sermon by Elder J. D. Hufham.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

The Association meets and spends half an hour in devotional exercises. Proceedings of Saturday read and approved. Brother Poteat reads the

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Since the last session of our body the number of Missionaries at work in the State has been increased. In this Association brother Richardson has been laboring three-fourths of his time and brother Jordan one-fourth of his time. We learn from our corresponding secretary that there is a considerable debt due our Missionaries for labor already performed. We all agree that the laborer is worthy of his hire. And now, brethren, where is the fault? Is it because the work is of less importance, or is it for the want of zeal on the part of the churches? Dear brethren, shall we let this state of things continue? Your committee would appeal to all pastors and churches in the bounds of the Beulah Association, to see to it that their membership do contribute to increase, if possible, this important work, so that we may send the Gospel, as we hold and preach it, to every nook and corner of our beloved State.

The Association is addressed by Elders Hufman, Dodson, Walters, James, and brother Bridgers. The report is received

The following report on Education is adopted after addresses by Elders Walters, Wheeler, Dodson, Hufman, brother Averett, and Moderator Kerr:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

There are two important educational objects before the Baptists of this State—the endowment of Wake Forest College and the education of beneficiaries. The endowment work has been greatly hindered by the money panic, and it will require renewed energy on our part to carry it on. The Board of Education owes $175 for last session. The Baptists of the State must raise this amount; and also $1200 or $1500 for the next session.

P. H. FONTAINE, Chm'n.

The hour of recess arrives. Benediction by Dr. Walters.

MONDAY EVENING, 2 O'CLOCK.

The Association is called to order by the Moderator. Elder H. A. Brown reads the

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The success of Foreign Missions during the last half century furnishes cause for joy and increased effort among God's people. Sixty years ago there was not a native Christian in Polynesia; thirty years ago 200,000 inhabitants of the Feejee Islands were cannibals: now they have more than six hundred native preachers and 22,000 earnest, active members. In 1813 the immortal Judson commenced his labors in Burmah amidst privations and discouragements of the sorest kind; now churches have sprung up all over the land, and the story of the cross is carried from house to house by the people. The missions under the superintendence of our southern board have been more successful during the past year than our weak faith would have led us to expect, (measuring our faith by our works.) But it has been a year of persecution, of privation and affliction. Our missionaries greatly need our prayers and our contributions. The Mission Board has been instructed to pay these self-denying men of God quarterly in advance; and, in order that this arrangement be carried out, it will be necessary that the churches be prompt in sending up their donations to this object. Brethren, let us do more for this enterprise, next year, than we have ever done any year before. The history of the Church has long since developed the truth that we will prosper at home in proportion as we make sacrifices to send the Gospel abroad.

Elder Fontaine moves a suspension of the regular order of business, in order to make a motion to limit speeches to five minutes. Motion prevails.

The following committees are appointed to report at our next session:

On Sunday Schools.—J. J. James, T. J. Valentine.
On Periodicals.—P. H. Fontaine, P. N. Howard.
Foreign Missions.—F. H. Jones, H. A. Brown.
State Missions.—James Poteat, J. P. Bridgers.
Education.—J. E. Jordan, J. M. Martin.

The Finance Committee report as follows:

For State Missions	$133 98
For Foreign Missions	36 34
For Education	8 39
For Sabbath Schools	2 12
Wake Forest College	12 00
Association Fund	47 00
Total	$239 83

A collection for State Missions is taken during the session, amounting to $100.

The Finance Committee paid over the money in their hands to Elder J. D. Hufham, Corresponding Secretary of the State Convention.

Brother J. B. Yarboro offers the following resolution:

Resolved, That the time of the meeting of the Association be changed from Friday before the 2d Sabbath in August, each year, to Tuesday after the 1st Sabbath in August.

Adopted.

The Association votes to hold the next meeting with the Trinity Church, Caswell Co., N. C., on Tuesday after the 1st Sabbath in August, 1875.

Elder H. A. Brown is chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Elder J. B. Richardson Alternate.

Brethren Poteat, A. Graves, and Guthrie are appointed a committee to determine what amount the Association is due Elder Jesse Wheeler for missionary work performed by him. After some consultation the Association authorizes Elder J. D. Hufham to pay Elder Wheeler $50.

The following delegates are appointed to attend Baptist State Convention: 1st, ordained ministers; 2d, brethren John Kerr, James Poteat, T. J. Valentine, Jackson Guthrie, J. M. Martin, Thomas Slade, W. B. Graves

Brother Azariah Graves offers the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Association be and are hereby tendered to the members of this church and neighborhood for the very cordial and hospitable manner in which they have entertained our body.

The Executive Committee of last year is reappointed.

The Clerk is voted his usual salary, and is authorized to appropriate out of the money sent up enough to pay him for money paid out for "Statistics for Church Letters."

Appropriate remarks are submitted by Elders James and Huf ham.

Elder James, one of the Presbytery, reports (verbally) the constitution of a church at Providence, Caswell Co., N. C.

The ordained ministers are appointed a standing presbytery.

On motion, adjourn. Prayer by Dr. Walters.

Thus ends one of the most pleasant and harmonious meetings of our Association.

JOHN KERR, *Moderator.*

H. A. Brown, *Clerk.*
T. B. Lindsay, *Ass't Clerk.*

The following table will show what each church has done, during the year, for the benevolent objects of the Convention, minutes of the Association, and incidental expenses:

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	For. Missions.	Educat'n.	S. Schools.	W.F. College.	Assoc'n Fund.	Ch. Expenses
BEULAH	$11 00	$ 4 00	$ 50			$ 85	
BEAVER ISLAND						1 75	$ 90 00
CLEMENT	7 50					3 00	3 00
COAL SPRING							
EPHESUS	7 50	7 50				3 00	
GREENSBORO	14 13	4 65	5 67	$4 00		2 50	571 44
REIDSVILLE	5 00	4 00		5 87	$ 10 50	3 50	80 00
KERR'S CHAPEL	15 35	4 70	5 60	3 05	100 00	3 82	45 00
LEAKSVILLE	7 47	12 00	unknown			3 83	10 00
MARS HILL	46 90					2 00	
MILTON	15 29	7 76½	7 76½			2 00	
MADISON	4 00	4 39			5 00	3 50	73 00
OAK RIDGE	2 00					50	
PROVIDENCE. (Caswell Co.,)	5 00					1 25	
RED BANK	10 00	7 56		25	1 50	3 00	
SUMMERFIELD	2 50					2 50	
TRINITY	11 23	6 13	5 70		40 00	3 00	
YANCEYVILLE	19 88	26 61	11 78		30 15	3 00	60 00
WINSTON	2 75					2 00	
PROVIDENCE. (Person Co.						2 00	
FRIENDSHIP							
MT. OLIVE							
ELM GROVE							
GOOD WILL						2 85	
MAYFIELD							

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES,	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICES.	Saturday of Church Meetings	Baptised	Rec'd. by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Expelled	Restored	Deceased	Total	Number of Pupils in Sunday School
BEULAH	......	W. R. Pleasant	Yanceyvile	3d	......	......	......	......	......	......	55	......
BEAVER ISLAND	Jesse Wheeler	R J. Lewellin	Madison	1st	......	......	......	......	......	......	57	50
CLEMENT	F. M. Jordan	J. B. Pleasant	Roxboro	1st	3	......	......	1	......	1	66	......
EPHESUS	G. G. Mason	Obadiah Faulkner	Harmony, Va.	2d	11	5	3	3	......	1	88	40
GREENSBORO	J. B. Richardson	R. L. Vernon	Greensboro	......	15	6	2	1	1	......	69	74
REIDSVILLE	......	J. Philpate	Reidsville	2d	9	4	2	8	......	1	117	40
KERR'S CHAPEL	F H. Jones	T. Y. Baynes	Anderson's Store	4th	......	3	2	......	......	......	90	......
LEAKSVILLE	P. H. Fontaine	C. G. Jones	Leaksville	3d	11	2	3	5	......	1	120	100
MT. OLIVE	P. Oliver	M. C. Dorsett	Little Yadkin	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	85	......
MAYFIELD	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
MARS HILL	J. H. Vernon	John Jordan	Hillsboro	1st	1	2	5	2	......	2	76	40
MILTON	F. H. Jones	J. J. Yarboro	Milton	2d	......	......	2	......	......	......	86	49
MADISON	P. H. Fontaine	T. B. Lindsay	Madison	1st	3	......	3	1	......	......	126	51
RED BANK	P. Oliver, (*pro tem*)	T. J. Valentine	Walnut Cove	3d	1	......	2	1	......	......	67	20
SUMMERFIELD	......	J. W. Winchester	Hillsdale	2d	5	......	......	......	......	1	83	......
TRINITY	F. H. Jones	Thos. Slade	Lenox Castle	1st	......	1	......	......	......	1	46	......
YANCEYVILLE	F. H. Jones	James Poteat	Yanceyville	3d	9	1	27	1	......	1	102	120
WINSTON	F. M. Jordan	J. N. Faucett	Winston	......	1	4	1	3	1	2	44	43
FRIENDSHIP	P. Oliver	C. J. Carroll	Wilson's Store	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	89	......
ELM GROVE	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
GOOD WILL	R. W. Crews	R. Stanley	Walkerstown	2d	......	2	2	......	......	3	38	......
PROVIDENCE, (Caswell Co.,)	Jesse Wheeler	Zack Thompson	Pearly, N. C.	4th	......	......	......	......	......	......	26	28
PROVIDENCE, (Person Co ,)	W. E. Oakley	J. W. Buchanan	Roxboro	3d	1	......	1	......	1	......	34	35
COOL SPRING	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
OAK RIDGE	R. H. Crews	J. M. Martin	Crooked Creek	4th	......	1	......	1	......	1	29	......

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Beulah Baptist Association.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be called the Beulah Baptist Association.

ARTICLE 2. It shall be composed of the ordained Ministers who are members of, and those who may have pastoral charge within the Associational district, and of three delegates from each church in the district aforesaid.

ARTICLE 3. The said delegates shall before taking their seats produce letters from their respective churches showing their appointment as delegates.

ARTICLE 4. The Associational Session shall be held at least once a year.

ARTICLE 5. The officers shall be a Moderator and Clerk and if deemed expedient by the Association a Treasurer likewise.

ARTICLE 6. The Moderator shall be chosen annually but the clerk shall continue in office at the pleasure of the Association.

ARTICLE 7. The Association shall be clothed with authority only to advise the churches touching all things pertaining to their interest, but shall in no case presume to direct or control them in reference to their own government or internal policy.

ARTICLE 8. A Committee of Arrangements consisting of three members shall be appointed on the first day of each session to prepare and report an order of proceedings and to suggest topics proper for the consideration and action of the Association and the said committee shall report promptly on the morning of the second day of the session.

ARTICLE 9. Baptist ministers not members of the Association who may be present at any session of the body may on invitation by the body take seats and participate in the debates of the Association.

ARTICLE 10. At each session of the Association there shall be appointed an Executive Committee of five, three of whom shall constitute a quorum whose duty it shall be to superintend, and in conjunction with the Missionary Boards of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina direct the Missionary operations of the Association.

ARTICLE 11. All committees shall be appointed by the Moderator unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

ARTICLE 12. At each annual session the Association shall appoint a Presbytery for the ordination of Ministers and constitution of churches, who shall, however, in all cases of ordination act in obedience to the call and under the direction of the churches calling them.

ARTICLE 13. The Constitution may be altered only at an annual Session of the Association and by a vote of two-thirds of the whole body present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The Association shall meet punctually each day at the hour appointed and on the appearance of a quorum the Moderator shall cause the minutes of the preceeding day to be read.

2. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to decide all questions on point of order, subject, however, to an appeal from his decision to the Association.

3 The Moderator shall be entitled to vote only in case of an equal division of the Association.

4. He shall not participate in debate except on points of order unless by unanimous consent of the Association or until he shall have called another member to the chair.

5. Members shall in debate, or on rising to make a motion, address the Moderator.

6. When two or more members rise at the same time the Moderator shall designate the person who shall first occupy the floor.

7. No member shall absent himself from the service ofthe Association without its leave.

8. When a question is under debate no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinately, to postpone to a day certain, to commit or to amend—which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand here arranged.

9. All Committees, unless otherwise ordered, shall consist of three members only.

10. A Committee shall be appointed on the first day of every session to designate ministers to preach during the session of the Association.

11. No motion shall be put to the Association by the Moderator unless it receives a second.

12. No rule of order shall be rescinded or suspended unless by a vote of two-thirds of the body.

13. The Constitution and Rules of Order shall be read publicly in the Association on the second day of each session.

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JAMES M. WILLIAMS.

Proceedings.

TUESDAY MORNING.

August 1st, 1876.

The Beulah Baptist Association assembled in the Baptist Church at Madison, Rockingham County, N. C., agreeable to adjournment of last session.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Bro. R. H. Griffith, of Charlotte, N. C., from the 13th chapter of Acts, and latter part of the 2d verse: "Separate me Barnabas and Saul, for the work whereunto I have called them."

TUESDAY EVENING—1:30 P. M.

The Association was called to order by its former Moderator, Bro. John Kerr, and after religious exercises the roll of churches was called, and letters handed in, from which it appears the following delegates were appointed :

Beaver Island—Jas. A. Vernon, Harden S. Hall and Rufus R. Suttenfield.
Beulah.—Thos. L. Lea. M. King and John L. Roberts.
Clement.—T. K. Glenn, J. S. Coleman and J. L. Wilkerson.
Cool Springs.—No letter.
Ephesus.—No letter.
Elm Grove—No letter.
Friendship—Hinton Hollan, John E. Slater and Wm. H. Moore.
Good Will.—No letter.
Greensboro—S. F. Conrad, P. D. Weaver and H. B. Marley.
Kerr's Chapel—Stephen P. Pool, T. Y. Baynes and Wm. F. Davis.
Leaksville.—C. G. Jones. D. F. King and P. D. Wade.
Madison.—Henry Vaughn and T. B. Lindsay.
Mayfield.—No letter.
Milton.—R. E. Powel, Jos. E. Jordan and J. B. Walters, Jr.
Mar's Hill.—Artemus Compton, Samuel H. Jordan and T. J. Riley.
Mt. Olive.—No letter.
Oak Ridge.—J. M. Martin, Thos. Hutcherson and P. D. Watkins.
Providence, Caswell.—No letter.
Providence, Person—No letter.
Red Bank.—E. J. Marshall, John Marshall and F. J. Valentine.
Reidsville.—John Kerr, Jas. M. Williams and Robt Amos.
Summerfield.—Wm. Case, Wyat Winfrey and J. W. Winchester.
Trinity.—Azriah Graves, P. N. Howard and Thos. Slade. As Alternates—Rufus Stamps, Sen., and Rufus Stamps, Jr.
Yanceyville.—Jas. Poteat, W. L. Poteat and J. P. Lownes.
Winston.—S. A. C. Everett, Albert Jones and C. J. Watkins.

A quorum being present the Association proceeded to business, electing Bro. John Kerr as Moderator, who, after appropriate remarks, takes the chair to preside over the deliberations of the body.

Correspondents from neighboring Associations are invited to present themselves, and take seats with us, whereupon Bros. R. H. Griffith and W. C. Turner, from Liberty Association; J. T. Averett, Principal of Roanoke Female College; F. P. Hobgood, Principal of Raleigh Female Seminary; H. W. Reinhart, Principal of Thomasville Female Seminary and from Liberty Association; Chas. Taylor, from Central Association; J. H. Vernon, from Mt. Zion, took seats.

Visiting brethren were invited also, when C. T. Bailey, Editor of the *Biblical Recorder*, James Kerr, of Georgia, presented themselves and were received by the Moderator.

The following committees are appointed:

On Finance.—T. J. Valentine, J. M. Williams, Joseph Jordan.
On Arrangement.—F. H. Jones, J. J. James, Jas. Poteat.
On Religious Exercises.—P. H. Fontaine, J. T. Wall and T. B. Lindsay.

The following brethren are appointed to visit sister Associations:

Central.—Wm. S. Fontaine.
Liberty.—T. J Valentine and P. H. Fontaine.
Mt. Zion.—F. H. Jones and S. F. Conrad.
Pee Dee.—F. M. Jordan.
Roanoke.—J. B. Yarboro'.
Rocky River.—Robt. Gourley.
Sandy Creek.—P. D. Weaver.

On motion, the Association agrees to meet at 9 o'clock in the morning, devoting half an hour to religious exercises, adjourn at half past 12, meet again at 2 P. M. and adjourn at will.

Bro. C. T. Bailey addressed the Association in favor of the *Biblical Recorder*, and received several renewals and subscriptions for the same.

The following committees appointed.

On Sunday Schools.—Wm. S. Fontaine and J. M. Williams
On Periodicals.—J. J. James and J. E. Jordan.
On Foreign Missions.—F. H. Jones and P. H. Fontaine.
On State Missions.—James Poteat and J. B. Richardson.
On Education.—T. J. Valentine and J. H. Vernon.
On Temperance.—T. J. Valentine and Wm Turner.
On the Obligation of the Church in Paying the Pastors Salary.—S. F. Conrad and John Kerr.

Delegates appointed to attend the Baptist State Convention: First, all Ordained Ministers, James Poteat, Thos. Slade, Azariah Graves, E. W. Marshall, T. J. Valentine, T. B. Lindsay, N. B. Walker, Jas. M. Williams, J. M. Martin, Joseph E. Jordan, S. M. Lindsay, J. B. Walters, Jr., D. F. King, H. B. Marley, P. D. Weaver, Dr. C. J. Watkins, and any other member of this Association, who may be present to be considered as members.

On motion, this Association agrees to hold its next session with the Greensboro' Baptist Church, on Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1877.

On motion, adjourned with the Apostolic benediction.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.—7:30 A. M.

After religious exercises, the Association was called to order by the Moderator. The minutes of yesterday read, and with some corrections are approved.

Report of Committee on Arrangement of the Order of Business handed in and received.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We learn that at Wake Forest College there were this year twenty (20) young ministers, and sixteen (16) of them under the board as beneficiaries. There are seven (7) received for next year.

The important work is still before us of endowing Wake Forest College, and the Greenville Theological Seminary, and with them we would earnestly recommend for the education of young ladies the Raleigh Female College, the Thomasville Female College, and the Roanoke Female College, at Danville, Va.,

The most important work of educating the young ladies is being sadly neglected. May the spirit of education be improved.

Respectfully submitted by your committee,

T. B. LINDSAY,
J M. WILLIAMS.

Addresses by Bros. C. T. Bailey, Prof Taylor, W. S Fontaine and J. J. James.

Bro John Kerr entertained the body for some time on the "Origin and History of Baptists."

The hour of recess arrives

EVENING SESSION.

The Association is called to order by the Moderator.

The subject of education is resumed.

Addresses by Bros. F. H. Jones, John Kerr, C. T. Bailey.

Bro. F. H. Jones offers the following in connection with the report on education, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we have heard with pleasure of the improved financial condition of Wake Forest College, and that we urge the members of our Association to aid in the endowment of the "Waitt Professorship."

Which was laid on the table until night.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Your committee learns from the Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, that we have now only nine (9) missionaries in the State, and in this Association Bros. S. F. Conrad and J. H. Vernon are employed one-fourth of their time. We most earnestly recommend that our pastors make an effort in their churches for increased liberality ; so that our destitution may be more fully supplied during our next Associational year.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES POTEAT.

Addresses by J. B. Richardson, S. F. Conrad, Chas. Taylor, F. H. Jones and P. H. Fontaine. Received for State Missions, $44.75.

On motion adjourned

NIGHT SESSION

The subject was very entertainingly discussed by Brethren Averett, Hobgood, Reinhart, Bailey and others; after which a collection was taken for the support of the beneficiaries at Wake Forest College, to the amount of $23.60.

Benediction by Bro. S. F. Conrad. On motion adjourned.

THURSDAY MORNING,

AUGUST 3D.—9:30 A. M.

After religious exercises the Moderator called the Association to order. The minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Bro. R. H. Griffith presented the claims of the Baptist Theological Seminary at Greenville, S. C., and was followed by C. T. Bailey, Moderator Kerr, T. J. Valentine, P. H. Fontaine and J. B. Richardson.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

First, we direct attention to the labors in the field, and their places of preaching. The following Missionaries, with their assistants in foreign lands, the churches have engaged to support through the Southern Baptist Convention.

W. J. David and W. W. Colley, in Central Africa; Geo. B. Taylor and wife, Rome, Italy; R. H. Graves, N. B. Williams, with their families, and Miss Whilden, Canton, China; T. P. Crawford and wife, Mrs. Holmes and the Misses Moon, Tung Chow, China; J. B. Hartwell and wife (now in this country), Chefoo, China.

During the past year twenty-six have been baptized by our missionaries in Africa. And a church has recently been organized at Lagos. Thirty-seven have recently been baptized in China. There are two ordained native pastors, five churches, and six out-stations, embracing a membership of three hundred and fifty persons in China. Dr. Taylor writes that about thirty have been baptized in his field (Rome) during the year. A little more than $51,000 have been collected from the Baptists of the South, and expended in the foreign field within the last year. The Board has $21.-940.68 for Chapel in Rome. These statements in regard to the work done are gratifying, especially when we remember that this work was done during the year of almost unprecedented monetary depression in our country. We feel that there is new occasion to thank God and take courage. Let His blessing upon our labors in the past encourage us to increased liberality, and to more active effort to spread the knowledge of the truth in regions "beyond."

Brethren, our work is not done until every creature shall hear of Jesus.

F. H. JONES.

Addresses by P. H Fontaine and F. H. Jones. Collection for foreign missions, $3.85.

HOME MISSIONS.

Called Domestic and Indian Missions, began work in 1845. In thirty years over 35,000 souls have been converted by the preaching of the missionaries. In 1846 there were about 400 baptized in Texas Now there are over 50,000 whites, and 20,000 colored members. This increase is largely due to the Home Board. It has been a great blessing to many other Southern States. It has to a great extent cultivated *towns*, thereby correcting the great mistake of Baptists. Of all the Epistles in the new Testament the one to the Gallatians is the only one addressed to the country church.

The three Baptist Churches in St. Louis, Mo., where the Southern Baptist Convention met in 1871, and the Collisseum Church in New Orleans, where it is to meet in 1877, are everlasting monuments to this Board. It has cultivated many towns in North Carolina. Edenton, Elizabeth City, Newbern, Goldsboro', Raleigh, Charlotte, &c. It is said it helped Raleigh to support a pastor from 1844 to 1852.

It has helped every State Board in the South. In 1820 Elders J. M. Peck and James Welch were powerful workers in Missouri. At the time the Home Board was abolished by the North, and these great workers were compelled to leave the State, the Baptist cause in Trans-Mississippi was carried back in the tide of time one-quarter of a century. If this Board is abolished, a crushing blow will fall on our State Boards throughout the whole South, as well as on the Foreign Boards for heathen lands.

Catholicism—All kinds of isms, as well as infidelity, will be the result. Let prayers and alms go up for a memorial before God from every Baptist in North Carolina. There are eight missionaries among the Indians. We own their lands, and paid them very little. The island on which stands the city of New York was bought for $8.00. Let us repair the mighty wrong by sending them the gospel.

E. DODSON.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The Baptists of North Carolina have an excellent organ in the *Biblical Recorder*, which ought to be introduced into every family. We believe the church would be strengthened by its more general circulation, and suggest that we make a united effort during the present year to increase its number of subscribers.

For the use of Sunday Schools, we would recommend *Kind Words*, published at Macon, Ga.

P. H. FORTAINE, *Chairman of Committee.*

Address by C. T. Bailey.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

WHEREAS, The manufacture and use of ardent spirits are attended with results ruinous to the spiritual and temporal interest of our race; therefore,

Resolved, That we most earnestly beg our brethren to abstain from its use, and that they use all proper means for the stopping of so dreadful an evil

And further resolved, That we urge our pastors faithfully to preach upon the evils of intemperance to their charges, and strive to bring their churches up to the exercise of wise and strict discipline in regard to this great evil.

T. J VALENTINE.

Addresses by R. H. Griffith, F. H. Jones, James Morrison, J. M. Williams and J. M. Lindsay.

The hour of recess arrives

THURSDAY EVENING.—2 P. M.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

The subject of temperance was resumed, with addresses by T. J. Valentine and P. H. Fontaine.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

In view of the great importance of well conducted Sunday Schools,

Resolved, That this Association urge upon the churches comprising this body to increase both the number and efficiency of such schools within its bounds.

J. J. JAMES.

The report was adopted.

Bro. Wm. S. Fontaine was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon of next session, and J. H. Vernon his alternate.

The Clerk is instructed to have minutes to the amount of money sent up, printed and circulated among the churches.

Executive Committee Appointed.—T. J. Valentine, James Poteat, Jackson Guthrie, J. J. Yarborough, A. B. Walker.

Bro. S. A. C. Everett asks contributions in completing the Baptist Church at Winston, N. C., and received $15.90.

Bro. J. J. James offers the following, which was adopted :

Resolved, That this body do hereby express their high appreciation of the address delivered before it at this session by Bro. John Kerr, on the Origin and History of the Baptists, and do hereby extend to him their unanimous and sincere thanks.

Bro. J. M. Martin offers the following, which was received :

Resolved, That the thanks of the Beulah Association be tendered the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches for the use of their houses of worship, and also to the citizens of the town of Madison and surrounding country for their kind hospitality as extended towards the Delegates and visitors of the Association.

The Presbytery ordained Bro. Jackson Strong (col.) to preach the Gospel.

The Association having gone through with its business, at the request of the Moderator, Bro. F. H. Jones led in prayer.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet again in the city of Greensboro', Guilford County, N. C., on Friday before the 2d Sunday in August, 1877.

JOHN KERR, *Moderator.*

T. B. LINDSAY, *Clerk.*
JAMES POTEAT, *Assistant Clerk.*

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT, AS FOLLOWS :

For State Missions	$94 64
For Foreign Missions	19 28
For Education	9 83
For Sabbath Schools	1 00
For Association Fund	36 40
For Domestic Missions	6 82

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Domestic Missions.	Education.	Sunday Schools.	Association Fund.
Beaver Island	......	......	......	......	......	$ 1 25
Beulah	$ 14 83	$ 6 33	......	$ 4 83	$ 1 00	2 00
Clement	5 00	......	......	5 00	......	2 50
Cool Springs	......	......	......	......	......	......
Ephesus	......	......	......	......	......	......
Friendship	......	7 50	......	5 00	......	1 75
Good Will	......	......	......	......	......	......
Greensboro'	30	31 14	$ 3 69	......	......	2 50
Kerr's Chapel	6 75	......	......	10 00	......	1 85
Leaksville	2 90	8 35	......	9 00	......	2 30
Madison	9 30	3 30	......	......	......	2 75
Mar's Hill	4 50	......	......	2 50	......	1 25
Mayfield	......	......	......	......	......	......
Milton	26 85	......	......	16 40	......	3 00
Mt Olive	......	......	......	......	......	......
Oak Ridge	......	......	......	......	......	1 00
Providence, Caswell	......	......	......	......	......	......
Providence, Person	......	......	......	......	......	......
Red Bank	10 00	2 00	......	......	......	2 00
Reidsville	11 00	17 00	17 00	18 00	......	3 00
Summerfield	......	......	......	1 85	......	2 45
Trinity	5 35	6 25	......	5 25	......	2 00
Winston	1 50	2 60	......	......	......	1 80
Yanceyville	18 46	22 57	8 00	23 25	3 25	3 00
	$ 116 44	$ 137 04	$28 69	$91 08	$ 4 25	$36 40

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Article 1. This Association shall be called the Beulah Baptist Association.

Art. 2. It shall be composed of the ordained Ministers who are members of, and those who may have pastoral charge within. the Associational district, and of three delegates from each church in the district aforesaid.

Art. 3 The said delegates shall before taking their seats produce letters from their respective churches showing their appointment as delegates.

Art. 4. The Associational Session shall be held at least once a year.

Art. 5. The officers shall be a Moderator and Clerk and if deemed expedient by the Association a Treasurer likewise.

Art 6. The Moderator shall be chosen annually but the Clerk shall continue in office at the pleasure of the Association.

Art. 7. The Association shall be clothed with authority only to advise the churches touching all things pertaining to their interest, but shall in no case presume to direct or control them in reference to their own government or internal policy.

Art. 8. A Committee of Arrangements consisting of three members shall be appointed on the first day of each session to prepare and report an order of proceedings and to suggest topics proper for the consideration and action of the Association, and the said Committee shall report promptly on the morning of the second day of the session

Art. 9 Baptist ministers not members of the Association who may be present at any session of the body may, on invitation by the body take seats and participate in the debates of the Association.

Art. 10. At each session of the Association there shall be appointed an Executive Committee of five, three of whom shall constitute a quorum, whose duty it shall be to superintend, and in conjunction with the Missionary Boards of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, direct the Missionary operations of the Association

Art. 11. All Committees shall be appointed by the Moderator unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

Art. 12. At each annual session the Association shall appoint a Presbytery for the ordination of Ministers and constitution of churches, who shall, however, in all cases of ordination act in obedience to the call and under the direction of the churches calling them.

Art. 13. The Constitution may be altered only at an annual Session of the Association and by a vote of two-thirds of the whole body present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The Association shall meet punctually each day at the hour appointed and on the appearance of a quorum the Moderator shall cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read.

2. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to decide all questions on point of order, subject, however, to an appeal from his decision to the Association.

3. The Moderator shall be entitled to vote only in case of an equal division of the Association.

4. He shall not participate in debate except on points of order unless by unanimous consent of the Association or until he shall have called another member to the chair.

5. Members shall in debate, or on rising to make a motion, address the Moderator.

6. When two or more members rise at the same time the Moderator shall designate the person who shall first occupy the floor.

7. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Association without its leave.

8. When a question is under debate no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a day certain, to commit or to amend—which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand here arranged.

9. All Committees, unless otherwise ordered, shall consist of three members only.

10. A Committee shall be appointed on the first day of every session to designate ministers to preach during the session of the Association.

11. No motion shall be put to the Association by the Moderator unless it receives a second.

12. No rule of order shall be rescinded or suspended unless by a vote of two-thirds of the body.

13. The Constitution and Rules of Order shall be read publicly in the Association on the second day of each session.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICE.	Church Meeting.	Baptisms.	Rec'ed by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	Expelled.	Restored.	Deceased.	Total.	Pupils in S. School.
Beaver Island	R. W. Crews	Jas. A. Vernon	Madison, N. C.	1st	5	1	2				60	30
Beulah	F. H. Jones	Wm. R. Pleasants	Yanceyville, "	3d		4	2	2		1	53	30
Clement	J. H. Vernon	J. B. Pleasants	Roxboro', "	4th	7		4	3	2	1	71	
Cool Springs												
Ephesus												
Friendship	P. Oliver	C. J. Carrol	Wilson's Store, "	4th	7	2		5		5	88	
Good Will												
Greensboro'	S. F. Conrad	R. L. Vernon	Greensboro' "	2d	5	1		3		1	70	60
Kerr's Chapel	J. H. Vernon	T. Y. Baynes	Anderson's Store	4th	4					3	103	
Leaksville	P. H. Fontaine	C. G. Jones	Leaksville, N. C.	2d and 3d	23		6		2	4	188	163
Madison	P. H. Fontaine	T. B. Lindsay	Douglas, "	1st	1	1	2	2		2	130	21
Mar's Hill	J. H. Vernon	Jesse Miller	Hillsboro', "	2d		1					67	
Mayfield												
Milton	F. H. Jones	J. J. Yarboro'	Milton, "	2d		7		1		3	119	75
Mt. Olive												
Oak Ridge	R. W. Crews	J. M. Martin	Sandy Ridge, "	4th	11	1		2			41	26
Providence, Cas.												
Providence, Per.												
Red Bank	R. W. Crews	T. J. Valentine	Walnut Cove, "		2					6	58	
Reidsville	P. H. Fontaine	Scott Williams	Reidsville, "	2d	5	4	3	2	1	3	115	80
Summerfield	Wm. Turner	J. W. Winchester	Hillsdale, "	2d		1	1			1	78	
Trinity	F. H. Jones	Thos. Slade	Lenox Castle, "	1st		1				1	53	
Winston	W. R. Gaultney	J. N. Faucett	Winston, "	2d		14		1		4	68	55
Yanceyville	F. H. Jones	Jas. Poteat	Yanceyville, "	4th	23	4	8	2	1	1	125	59
					93	42	28	23	6	36	1487	599

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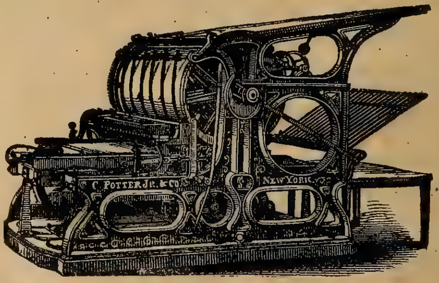

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JAMES M. WILLIAMS.

PROCEEDINGS.

Greensboro', Guilford County, N. C.,
Friday Morning, August 10th, 1877.

The Beulah Baptist Association met in its Forty-third Annual Session with the Baptist Church at Greensboro', Guilford County, N. C., agreeable to adjournment of last session.

At 11 o'clock A. M., the Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. Wm. S. Fontaine, of Reidsville, N. C., from the parable as recorded in St. Luke, 19th chapter and 13th verse: "Occupy till I come."

Rev. Dr. Pritchard concluded the exercises with prayer,

After which, "Work for the night is coming," was sung with much spirit.

Benediction by Rev. W. B. Harrell.

Friday Evening, 2 o'clock.

The Association was called to order by its former Moderator, Hon. John Kerr.

After religious exercises, the roll of Churches were called, and the following answered by letter and delegates:

Buchanan.—P. D. Weaver, M. S. Whittington and Geo. Buckhanan.
Beaver Island.—R. R. Suttenfield, N. D. Smith and Jas. A. Vernon.
Beulah.—Letter.
Clement.—J. L. Wilkerson, C. G. Haynes and R. N. Hall.
Cool Springs.—Letter.
Ephesus.—John K. Faulkner, Wm. M. Faulkner and Jas. A. Green.
Elm Grove.—Not represented.

Friendship.—Daniel Kiser, Sanders F. Slate and Wm. Baker.
Good Will.—Jas. Lynville, Alf. Calhoon and R. Stanley.
Greensboro'.—A. G. Newell, H. B. Marley and P. D. Weaver.
Kerr's Chapel.—A. B. Walker, W. R. Sartin and T. Y. Baynes.
Leaksville.—D. F. King, C. G. Jones and Alex. Newnam.
Madison.—J. M. Lindsay, T. B. Lindsay and Henry C. Comer.
Mayfield. —Not reprdsented.
Milton.—J. B. Walters, W. A. Hughes and J. B. Moore.
Mar's Hill.—Not represented.
Mt. Olive.—W. G. Slate, Albert Boyles and Wm. L. Smith.
Oak Ridge.—Not represented.
Providence, Caswell County.—Letter.
Providence, Person County.—Letter.
Red Bank.—T. J. Valentine, Jackson Guthrie and Geo. W. Leak.
Reidsville.—John Kerr, Jas. M. Williams and Jas. Morrison.
Sharon.—John S. Crafton and Jas. M. Brown.
Summerfield.—David S. Reid, C. B. Wilson and Wm. H. Wilson.
Trinity.—Azariah Graves, L. Gwyn and Thos. Slade.
Yanceyville.—W. L. Poteat, Wesley Swift and Jas. Poteat.
Winston.—C. G. Strayhorn, D. T. Marable and Dr. C. J. Watkins.

A quorum being present, the Moderator then declared the Association ready for business.

On motion of Rev. F. H. Jones, the Association then went into an election for Moderator:

Resulting in the re-election of Hon. John Kerr, who returned thanks for the renewed confidence in him as the presiding officer, and urged the members present to lay aside all levity and to enter upon the duties of the Association with a christian spirit.

T. B. Lindsay is retained as Clerk and James Poteat as Assistant Clerk.

Correspondents from neighboring Associations are invited to present themselves and take seats with us,

Whereupon, Revs. W. B. Harrell and J. H. Vernon, Corresponding Messengers from Mt. Zion Association; H. W. Reinhart, of Liberty Association, and Principal of Thomasville Female College; E. L. Carther, of South Yadkin Association; Enoch Crutchfield, O. T. Edwards and Geo. Patterson, Corresponding Messengers from Sandy Creek Association; and J. B. Richardson, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, took seats.

Visiting Brethren also invited, when Dr. T. H. Pritchard, Prof. F. P. Hobgood, Principal of Raleigh Baptist Female Seminary, Rev. E. Dodson, T. R. Owen, of Tarboro', N. C., Prof. L. R. Mills, of Wake Forest College, J. B. Hartwell, D.D., of Tung Chow, China, representing the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, J. K. Foukner, of Halifax, Va., Rev. H. Petty, of Roanoke Association, W. B. Clements, J. W. Denmark, Corresponding Secretary of the Students' Aid Association, and Rev. N. H. D. Wilson, of the Methodist Church, presented themselves and were received by the Moderator.

Sharon, a newly constituted church, in Rockingham Co., petitioned for admittance into the Beulah Association, and,

On motion of Rev. F. H. Jones, the petition was granted, and the right hand of welcome was given the delegates by the Moderator.

The following Committees were appointed:

On Arrangement.—F. H. Jones, Jas. Poteat and David S. Reid.
On Finance.—T. J. Valentine, J. M. Williams and Wesley Swift.
On Religious Exercises.—Wm. Gwaltney, F. H. Jones and H. B. Marley.

On motion, the Association agreed to meet at 9 o'clock A. M., devote half an hour to religious exercises, adjourn at half past 12, meet again at 2 : 30 P. M., and adjourn at will.

The following brethren are appointed to visit sister Associations:

Central.—W. L. Poteat.
Liberty.—Wm. R. Gwaltney.
Mt. Zion.—F. H. Jones and Wm. R. Gwaltney.
Sandy Creek.—P. Oliver.

Delegates appointed to attend the Baptist State Convention:

First, all Ordained Ministers; Jas. Poteat, Thos. Slade, Azariah Graves,

E. W. Marshall, T. J. Valentine, J. M. Lindsay, T. B. Lindsay, N. B. Walker, Jas. M. Williams, J. M. Martin, Joseph E. Jordan, J. B. Walters, Jr., D. F. King, H. B. Marley, P. D. Weaver, Dr. C. J. Watkins and any other member of this Association who may be present to be considered as members thereof.

Rev. R. H. Griffith, Agent for the Baptist Theological Seminary, at Louisville, Ky., and Dr. T. H. Pritchard, one of its trustees, addressed the Association in behalf of the Institute, giving in their usual interesting style the history of the Seminary, the cause of its removal and the character of those who have it in charge.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock A. M.

Benediction by Rev. J. J. James.

SATURDAY MORNING, August 11th, 1877.

The Association met, according to adjournment, to spend half an hour in devotional exercises.

Minutes of yesterday read and corrected.

The report of the Committee on Arrangements was read and accepted.

The Committee on State Missions submitted the following report :

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

In the year 1727 was constituted the first Baptist Church ever established in North Carolina. The second was organized in 1742, and the third in Randolph County, in 1755. There were only nine Baptist Churches in our State in the year 1770, and these multiplied at the rate of only two a year for the next succeeding fourteen years. This was owing in a large measure to the oppressive laws of the Colony. It is a known fact that our ministers in the early history of North Carolina had to apply to the County civil authorities for license to preach the Gospel. And it is upon record among the County Court proceedings of a County in this State that three of our ministers were imprisoned because they failed to give bond to keep the peace—the peace they were accused of breaking was preaching our principles.

Not till religious liberty was established in our country could the Baptists labor unmolested for the cause of our divine Redeemer. Since the year 1784, wonderful has been the progress of our principles. From 42 churches we have increased to 1,442; then we had 47 ministers, now 792, white and colored. In 1784, we numbered but a few over 3,000 communicants; now there are near 137,000 Baptists in our commonwealth. Every centre of influence where our principles are established tell of the success attending our missionary efforts. At present we have five Missionaries laboring with encouraging prospects at Rockingham, Polkton, Salisbury, Statesville, Dallas, Gastonia and Morganton, with the surrounding country; while in co-operation with Associations we are laboring in many rural districts. Yet this is but little of what we are able to do, and what the Lord has summoned us to do.

Vast sections are now but little cultivated by us, and the cry for Missionaries is coming up almost every week. The State Board, for the lack of funds, is not doing half what they could and ought to do.

Brethren, with the bountiful harvests of the year, what excuse shall we, or can we, render to our Lord for not occupying every destitute section in our State ? What shall we say when the scores of thousands of the perishing people of our State meet us before Him who knows our ability to possess the land for our Christ?

Respectfully,

JAMES POTEAT,
J. B. RICHARDSON,
Committee.

On motion to accept, remarks were submitted by Rev. E. Dodson, L. R. Mills, J. B. Hartwell, W. R. Gwaltney, F. H. Jones and J. B. Richardson.

Collections in cash for State Missions $69.37, and a promise of $15.00.

The report is accepted.

The Association adjourned till 2 : 30 P. M.

SATURDAY, 2 : 30 o'clock P. M.

The Association assembled at the ringing of the bell, and sang, "Jesus, lover of my soul."

Prayer by Bro. T. J. Valentine.

The Moderator appointed Brethren Wm. R. Gwaltney, James Morrison and T. J. Valentine a Committee to nominate an Executive Committee.

The report of the Executive Committee was read and accepted as follows:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We, the Executive Committee of this Association, beg leave to report that owing to the stringency of the times, thought it prudent not to employ more Missionaries within our bounds than our anticipated means would justify. Therefore, we only have one, Bro. Gwaltney, who has labored eight (8) months at the rates of $150 a year.

We very much regret that the churches take so little interest in this department of Christian labor, and unless they do more in the future the work of missions will have to stop.

Respectfully,

T. J. VALENTINE,
J. GUTHRIE,
JAS. POTEAT,
Committee.

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported as follows:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

1st. We call attention to the Missionaries in the field, their post-offices and places of labor:

CHINA.

At Tung Chan.--P. O., Chefoo,--T. P. Crawford, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. S. J. Holmes, Woo Tswun Chaw, (native pastor,) and three native assistants.

At Shanghai.—M. T. Yates, Mrs. Yates, Woug Ping San, (native pastor,) and one native assistant.

At Canton.—R. H. Graves, Mrs. Graves, Miss Lula Wilden, Youg Seen Saw, (native pastor,) and eleven native assistants and Bible women.

AFRICA.

At Abbeocuta.—P. O., Lagos,--W. J. David, and two native assistants.

At Lagos.—W. W. Colley and one native assistant.

ITALY.

At Rome.—G. B. Taylor and Signor Cocorda.
At La Tour.—Signor Ferraris.
At Milan.—Signor Paschetto.
At Carpi.—Signor Martinelli.
At Naples.—Signor Colombo.
At Bari.—Signor Basile.
At Island of Sardinia.—Signor Cassu.

AT HOME.

J. B. Hartwell and Mrs. Hartwell, P. O., Columbus, Ga.; E. Y. Simmons and Mrs. Simmons, P. O., Kossuth, Miss.; N. E. Williams and Mrs. Williams, P. O., Montgomery, Ala.; Miss L. Moon and Miss E. Moon, P. O., Carter's Bridge, Va.

We have given the Post-Offices of all the Missionaries that many may write to them occasionally, ask them questions about their work and the people among whom they labor. The Missionaries would write letters better suited to our wants if they received every month from different quarters a batch of pertinent inquiries.

The postage on a letter not weighing over half an ounce is to Italy five cents; to China, (via San Francisco,) ten cents; to Africa, fifteen cents.

Write to these brethren, pray for them and give something for their support.

The report of the Treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention shows that $32,276.98 have been collected from the Baptists of the South and expended in the interest of Foreign Missions during the last year.

Twenty-nine have recently been baptized at Lagos, in Africa, by Bro. Colley; three, at Ogbomosho, by Bro. David. Nine have been baptized at Tung Chan, China. Dr. Yates has recently baptized seven at Shanghai; R. H. Graves twenty at Canton; and our brethren in Italy reported about twenty baptisms since our last Association.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1st. We recommend and urge the members of the Beulah Association to a study of the theory, history and practical workings of the mission enterprise. And, therefore, that the members present assist to the utmost limit of their ability in securing large subscriptions to the *Foreign Mission Journal.*

2nd. That we co-operate with the Board of Foreign Missions by cultivating the thought that it is our Board; they are our Agents and Christ's servants.

3rd. That we urge upon our churches the importance of observing several special occasions of prayer during the year for Missions.

F. H. JONES.
Committee.

On motion to accept, addresses by Drs. J. B. Hartwell and T. H. Pritchard, the Moderator and E. Dodson were delivered.

Report was accepted. Contributions $47.13; Yanceyville Sabbath School $13.24; making a total of $60.37.

On motion, adjourned.

Benediction by J. K. Faulkner.

There was a mass meeting at night in which Prof. L. R. Mills, of Wake Forest College, and Rev. J. K. Faulkner, of Halifax, Va., entertained the body on the benefits of "Ministerial Education"; Rev. C. T. Bailey, on his success with that excellent paper, the *Biblical Recorder*; and Bro. J. W. Denmark, on the practical working of the "Student's Aid Association."

The congregation joined in singing the hymn, "'Tis religion that can give," and the meeting was dismissed with a benediction by Rev. F. H. Jones.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES ON SUNDAY.

Baptist Church: In the morning were S. S. Addresses; at 11 o'clock A. M., Sermon by Rev. T. R. Owen; at 3 o'clock P. M., Mass Meeting for Foreign Missions; and at 8 o'clock P. M., Sermon by Rev. H. Petty.

Methodist Church: At 11 o'clock A. M., Sermon by Rev. C. T. Bailey; at 8 o'clock, P. M., Sermon by Rev. J. K. Faulkner.

Presbyterian Church: At 11 o'clock A. M., Sermon by J. B. Hartwell; at 8 o'clock P. M., Sermon by R. H. Griffith.

Buckhanan Church was constituted on Sunday with 20 members. Presbytery consisting of Revs. J. B. Richardson, F. H. Jones, W. S. Fontaine, R. W. Crews and W. R. Gwaltney. Sermon at 11 o'clock A. M., by Rev. J. B. Richardson; Prayer by Rev. W. S. Fontaine; Charge by Rev. F. H. Jones; and at 8 o'clock P. M., Sermon by Rev. W. S. Fontaine.

African Baptist Church: At 11 o'clock A. M., Sermon by Rev. P. Oliver; at 3 o'clock P. M., Sermon by Rev. W. B. Harrell; and at 8 o'clock P. M., Sermon by H. W. Reinhart.

African Methodist Church: At 11 o'clock A. M., Sermon by Rev. R. A. Moore; and at 8 o'clock P. M., Sermon by Rev. R. W. Crews.

African Presbyterian Church: At 8 o'clock P. M., Sermon by Rev. J. J. James.

MONDAY MORNING, Aug. 13th, 1877.

The Association met according to adjournment.

The brethren spent half an hour in religious exercises.

When the business of the Association was resumed.

Minutes of Saturday read and approved.

By the request of Bro. P. Oliver, the Clerk is instructed to enroll Rev. Julius A. Terry and J. H. Caudle as Ministers of this Association.

The Committee on Ministerial Education submitted their report as follows:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your Committee, to whom was referred so much of the report as relates to the above subject, beg leave to submit that we are pleased to learn that the Board is out of debt. There were ten young Ministers aided by the

Board during the last collegiate year. Eight have been received for the next term. We hope the churches of this Association will in the future co-operate more heartily with the Board in their labor of love for the cause of the Master.

The Baptists of North Carolina have already accomplished a good work in "Ministerial Education." Yet there is a greater work to be done.

J. H. VERNON.
Committee.

On motion to accept, remarks were submitted by the Moderator, H. W. Reinhart, J. J. James and others, when

Rev. W. S. Fontaine offers the following amendment:

The important work of endowing Wake Forest College and the Theological Seminary, at Louisville, is still before us, and with them, we would earnestly recommend for the education of young ladies the Raleigh Female College, the Thomasville Female College, and the Roanoke Female College, at Danville, Va.

The report was then accepted.

The Committee on Sunday Schools reported as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

At this day, after the experience of three-quarters of a century, none can deny the great benefits resulting from Sunday Schools. It is difficult to determine the age at which little children may be brought to have a saving knowledge of their Redeemer. Children of five and six years old, in well conducted Sunday Schools, seem to understand the plan of redemption. The instructions in the Scriptures received by them is truly wonderful, when constant in their attendence.

Every church in the Association should have one or more Sabbath Schools. The object should be to lead the children to Christ. The very best members we have are those that are brought up in the Sunday School, and make an early profession of religion. Every church that neglects to have these schools is sure to dwindle away until its candlestick is removed. Seeing that these things cannot be successfully divided we should inquire how this powerful arm may be made still more effective by the best means of conducting Sunday Schools:

1st. The best men and women should be selected for the teachers and superintendents. If possible they all should be humble and devoted Christians, who desire to be nothing themselves and Christ to be everything.

2nd. Uniform question books should be used, prepared by the wisest men in the denomination, which should be amended and improved from time to time. The average teacher never could be able to use better questions; and it is important that the questions be studied at home, both by teachers and pupils.

3rd. There should be but little noise in the school and less talking by the teachers.

4th. No school, with all the exercises and lessons, should continue in session over an hour. The adjournment should take place at least twenty minutes before the usual time of preaching, that the children might see out and be refreshed, so that they may be able to listen to the preaching of the Word.

5th. Our Sunday School songs should be expurgated and the minds of the children directed more to the exaltation of Christ—the end—than to the Sunday School—the means.

6th. Some instruction should be given the children in our Home and Foreign Mission work, and that of our several State Conventions, and the purpose of our Education Societies.

These and many other suggestions might profitably be extended. There is one remark we should like to recall to your minds: The Rev. Joseph Cook, in a recent lecture at Lake Bluff, says: "There is not a man of affairs, with large and level head, who does not know that the best, and in the last resort, the only effective police in a Republic is the Sunday School and the Bible."

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. S. FONTAINE,
JAS. M. WILLIAMS,
Committee.

On motion to accept, remarks by Rev. E. Dodson, W. S. Fontaine, A. Graves, Lownes, Oliver, Morrison and Denmark.

The report is accepted.

Rev. E. Dodson represented the Domestic and Indian Mission work, and received by contributions $5.90; sent up by the churches $3.06, making a total of $8.96.

The Committee on Temperance submits the following:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The Committee appointed to report upon the subject of Temperance beg leave to submit the following: Ever since man chose not to love God as a source of enjoyment, and his service as a means to obtain that enjoyment, he has been looking after some way to gratify his unholy passions and appetites. And among all the ways thus found out none has proved more powerful in debasing man and rendering him an object of our strongest sympathy than the use of intoxicating drink.

Your Committee has reasons for fear that this ruinous practice is on the increase, and would therefore sound the alarm that our Ministers might catch the sound thereof, and echo it back to all their charges, that a mighty reform shall take place in all our churches upon the subject of moderate drinking, believing, as your Committee does, that if there were no moderate drinkers there would be no immoderate ones to be found within the pale of our churches.

We, therefore, most earnestly and affectionately beg and entreat our brothers and sisters of all the churches to put forth their best efforts to stop the use of ardent spirits as a beverage.

Respectfully,

T. J. VALENTINE.

Committee.

On motion to accept, addresses by E. Dodson, the Moderator, J. J. James, James Morrison and J. M. Williams.

The report is accepted.

The following are appointed an Executive Committee:

T. J. Valentine, Jackson Guthrie, James Poteat, B. F. King and J. J Yarborough.

On motion, the Association agreed to hold its next Annual Session with the Beaver Island Church, in Rockingham County, seven miles north of Madison, commencing on Friday before the 2nd Sabbath in August, 1878. Rev. P. Oliver is appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Rev. F. H. Jones his alternate.

The Finance Committee submitted their report as follows:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

For State Missions,	$ 163 88
For Foreign Missions,	20 46
For Association Fund,	38 98
For Education,	9 75
For Domestic and Indian Missions,	3 06
Total,	$ 235 13

On motion of T. J. Valentine, the Finance Committee was instructed to pay the amounts of money in their hands to the proper persons, and take their receipts for the same.

On motion, adjourned for refreshments.

Benediction by Rev. J. B. Hartwell.

MONDAY, 2:30 o'clock P. M.

At the appointed hour, the Association was called to order by the Moderator.

The Committee on Periodicals reported as follows:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The Committee on Periodicals deem it unnecessary to speak as to the importance and absolute necessity of the Baptists of North Carolina having an organ. The *Biblical Recorder* has been their acknowledged medium of communication for some forty years, and without which, they could by no means have attained their present position and influence. This weekly journal is now conducted by Rev. C. T. Bailey, editor and proprietor. Though in a prosperous condition financially, its list of subscribers ought to be more than double. If this could be effected, the Editor could afford to furnish a still better paper, by which the influence of the denomination would be largely augmented.

Your Committee would therefore recommend that the pastors and other leading members of the churches composing this Association, be urged to press the claim, and so far as they can, increase the circulation of our organ, the *Biblical Recorder*.

Your Committee also heartily recommend the *Foreign Mission Journal*, as the organ of our Foreign Mission Board, and *Kind Words* for our Sunday Schools.

J. J. JAMES,
F. M. JORDAN,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

The following Standing Committees were appointed :

On Sunday Schools.—W. S. Fontaine and J. M. Williams.
On Periodicals.– W. R. Gwaltney.
On Foreign Missions.—F. H. Jones and Patrick Fontaine.
On State Missions.—James Poteat and W. R. Gwaltney.
On Education.—T. J. Valentine and J. H. Vernon.
On Temperance.—T. J. Valentine and James Morrison.

The following resolution, offered by Rev. J. J. James, was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That this Association has learned with pleasure that an effort is being made by the Baptists of Charlotte to build a new and commodious house of worship. That as a body we deeply sympathize with them in said effort and commend the subject to all the churches in our bounds, believing its success to be of great importance to the denomination in the State.

Bro. James Poteat offers the following, which was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of the Beulah Association be and are hereby tendered the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches for the use of their houses of worship; and to the citizens of Greensboro' and surrounding country for their kind and liberal hospitality as extended towards the delegates and visitors of the Association; likewise to the Richmond & Danville Rail Road Company.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolution be read in this house at the next regular meeting of the church, and that a copy be furnished the *Greensboro' Patriot*, with a request that they be published in that paper.

On motion, the Clerk was voted his usual salary, and instructed to have minutes printed to the amount of money sent up, and distributed among the churches.

The Association having gone through with the business, listened to some beautiful remarks from the Moderator in his farewell address, and,

On motion, adjourned, to meet again with Beaver Island Church, on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in August, 1878.

JOHN KERR, MODERATOR.

T. B. LINDSAY, *Clerk.*
JAMES POTEAT, *Assistant Clerk.*

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Domestic Missions.	Education.	Sunday Schools.	Association Fund.
Buchanan,	$......	$ 85	$......	$......	$......	$ ....
Beaver Island,	......	......	......	......	......	1 00
Beulah,	10 00	7 50	......	6 50	......	90
Clement,	7 50	1 00	12 20	......	......	2 30
Cool Springs,	......	......	......	......	......	50
Ephesus.	9 85	......	......	......	......	3 00
Elm Grove,	......	......	......	......	......	......
Friendship,	......	7 50	......	......	......	2 01
Good Will,	......	......	......	......	......	1 40
Greensboro',	8 80	5 00	......	2 86	10 00	1 50
Kerr's Chapel,	8 35	3 10	......	......	......	2 10
Leaksville.	16 33	5 30	......	......	......	2 15
Madison,	3 00	3 41	1 21	......	......	1 79
Mayfield,	......	......	......	......	......	......
Mar's Hill,	......	......	......	......	......	......
Milton,	30 40	13 00	6 46	4 61	......	2 50
Mt. Olive,	......	......	......	......	......	2 25
Oak Ridge,	......	......	......	......	......	......
Providence, Caswell Co.,	2 68	......	......	......	......	......
Providence, Person Co.,	......	......	2 25	......	......	1 50
Red Bank,	11 50	20 50	......	......	......	2 75
Reidsville,	......	9 10	2 55	3 25	......	2 00
Sharon,	......	......	......	......	......	1 00
Summerfield,	1 35	1 35	......	......	......	1 30
Trinity,	7 10	3 00	......	1 18	......	1 15
Yanceyville,	30 90	14 35	2 18	......	2 18	3 00
Winston,	3 22	25 74	......	......	......	2 00
	$ 150 98	$ 120 70	$26 85	$18 40	$12 18	$38 10

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	Church Meeting.	Baptisms.	Received by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	Expelled.	Restored.	Deceased.	Total.	Pupils in S. School.
Buchanan,	W. R. Gwaltney,	P. D. Weaver,	Greensboro',								20	
Beaver Island,	R. W. Crews,	Jas. A. Vernon,	Madison,	1st,	3		1	1			56	30
Beulah,	F. H. Jones,	Wm. R. Pleasants,	Yanceyville,	3rd,			5	2			49	
Clement,	J. H. Vernon,	J. B. Pleasants,	Roxboro',	1st,	4		7	2		1	65	15
Cool Springs,	J. H. Vernon,				4						18	
Ephesus,	John K. Faulkner,	J. A. Green,	Mt. Carmel, Va.,	2nd,			6				31	66
Friendship,	P. Oliver,	C. J. Carrol,	Wilson's Store,	4th,	2						90	
Good Will,	R. W. Crews,	R. Stanley,	Walkerstown,	2nd,	21	1		1		2	56	125
Greensboro',	W. R. Gwaltney,	R. L. Vernon,	Greensboro',	2nd,	12	1	22				61	68
Kerr's Chapel,	J. H. Vernon,	T. Y. Baynes,	Anderson's Store,	4th,			7			1	94	
Leaksville,	P. H. Fontaine,	C. G. Jones,	Leaksville,	2d, 3d,	53	1	4	7	1	1	237	
Madison,	P. H. Fontaine,	T. B. Lindsay,	Douglas,	1st,		1	8	4			118	12
Mar's Hill,	J. H. Vernon,	Jesse Miller,	Hillsboro',	2nd,								
Mayfield,												
Milton,	F. H. Jones,	J. J. Yarboro',	Milton,	2nd,	18	3	1	1			148	
Mt. Olive,	Robt. Gourley,	W. L. Smith,	Quaker Gap,	2nd,			2	7			96	38
Oak Ridge,	R. W. Crews,	J. M. Martin,	Sandy Ridge,	4th,								
Providence, Cas.,	T. H. Walker,	Z. T. Thompson,	Purley, Caswell,	3rd,	9	5		2	1	1	56	
Providence, Per.,							2	1			29	
Red Bank,		T. J. Valentine,	Walnut Cove,		7	1					65	
Reidsville,	P. H. Fontaine,	Scott Williams,	Reidsville,	2nd,	5	8	2	6		1	120	80
Sharon,	W. S Fontaine,	P. D. Simpson,	Aspen Grove,	4th,	1	6					17	
Summerfield,	Wm. Turner,	J. W. Winchester,	Hillsdale,	2nd,	3		3	2		2	74	
Trinity,	F. H. Jones,	Thos Slade,	Lenox Castle,	1st,			2		2		48	
Winston,	W. R. Gwaltney,	J. N. Faucett,	Winston	2nd,	31	13	4	2		2	104	112
Yanceyville,	F. H. Jones,	Jas. Poteat,	Yanceyville,	4th,	1			4	1	2	122	66

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Beulah Baptist Association.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be called the BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ART. 2. It shall be composed of the Ordained Ministers who are members of, and those who may have pastoral charge within, the Associational district, and of three delegates from each church in the district aforesaid.

ART. 3. The said delegates shall before taking their seats produce letters from their respective churches showing their appointment as delegates.

ART. 4. The Associational Session shall be held at least once a year.

ART. 5. The officers shall be a Moderator and Clerk, and if deemed expedient by the Association a Treasurer likewise.

ART. 6. The Moderator shall be chosen annually but the Clerk shall continue in office at the pleasure of the Association.

ART. 7. The Association shall be clothed with authority only to advise the churches touching all things pertaining to their interest, but shall in no case presume to direct or control them in reference to their own government or internal policy.

ART. 8. A Committee of Arrangements consisting of three members shall be appointed on the first day of each session to prepare and report an order of proceedings and to suggest topics proper for the consideration and action of the Association, and the said Committee shall report promptly on the morning of the second day of the session.

ART. 9. Baptist ministers not members of the Association who may be present at any session of the body may, on invitation by the body, take seats and participate in the debates of the Association.

ART. 10. At each session of the Association there shall be appointed an Executive Committee of five, three of whom shall constitute a quorum, whose duty it shall be to superintend, and in conjunction with the Missionary Boards of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, direct the Missionary operations of the Association.

ART. 11. All Committees shall be appointed by the Moderator unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

ART. 12. At each annual session the Association shall appoint a Presbytery for the ordination of Ministers and constitution of churches, who shall, however, in all cases of ordination act in obedience to the call and under the direction of the churches calling them.

ART. 13. The Constitution may be altered only at an annual Session of the Association and by a vote of two-thirds of the whole body present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The Association shall meet punctually each day at the hour appointed and on the appearance of a quorum the Moderator shall cause the minutes of the preceeding day to be read.

2. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to decide all questions on point of order, subject, however, to an appeal from his decision to the Association.

3. The Moderator shall be entitled to vote only in case of an equal division of the Association.

4. He shall not participate in debate except on points of order unless by unanimous consent of the Association or until he shall have called another member to the chair.

5. Members shall in debate, or on rising to make a motion, address the Moderator.

6. When two or more members rise at the same time the Moderator shall designate the person who shall first occupy the floor.

7. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Association without its leave.

8. When a question is under debate no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a day certain, to commit or to amend—which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand here arranged.

9. All Committees, unless otherwise ordered, shall consist of three members only.

10. A Committee shall be appointed on the first day of every session to designate ministers to preach during the session of the Association.

11. No motion shall be put to the Association by the Moderator unless it receives a second.

12. No rule of order shall be rescinded or suspended unless by a vote of two-thirds of the body.

13. The Constitution and Rules of Order shall be read publicly in the Association on the second day of each session.

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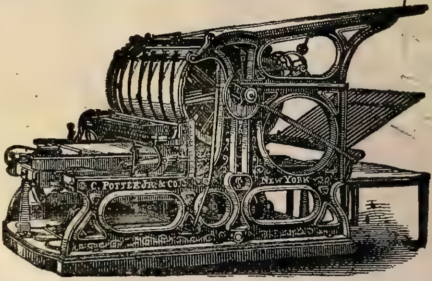

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PROCEEDINGS.

Beaver Island, N. C., Aug. 9th, 1878.

The Beulah Baptist Association meets in its Forty-fourth Annual Session with the Baptist Church at Beaver Island, Rockingham county, N. C.

The Introductory Sermon is delivered by Elder Pinkney Oliver, from the Epistle of Paul to Titus, 2d chap. and 14th verse: "Who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."

Afternoon Session.

The Association is called to order by its former Moderator.

After religious exercises, the Clerk calls the roll of churches. The letters are read and delegates enrolled, as follows:

Buchanan—M. S. Whittington, Pettis West, P. D. Weaver.
Beaver Island—Jas. Hall, Ruf. R. Suttenfield and N. D. Smith.
Beulah—Thos. L. Lea, Jas. C. King, John L. Roberts.
Clement—J. M. Burton, J. E. Harris, J. L. Wilkerson.
Ephesus—Wm. M. Faukner, Rob't B. Bass, John C. Pass.
Elm Grove—Elliott Oaks, John Deans, Isaac Oaks.
Friendship—Giddeon Ferguson, Elihu Bennett, C. J. Carrol.
Good Will—Jas Linville, Alfred Calhoon, Wm. B. Whit.
Greensboro—A. G. Newel, A. C. Weldon, Eld. A. E. Kitchen.
Kerr's Chapel—Wood Covington, Stephen P. Pool, Wm. S. Walker.
Leaksville—D. F. King, C. G. Jones, Jas. Hunley.
Madison—J. M. Lindsay, J. T. Wall, T. B. Lindsay.
Milton—J. B. Walters, Jr., R. E. Powell, J. J. Yarborough.
Mt. Olive—A. M. Boyles, Wm. G. Slate, Wm. L. Smith.
Oak Ridge—J. M. Martin, P. D. Watkins, Thos. Hutchinson.
Providence—Henry Hubard, Ben. Thompson.
Red Bank—Thos. J. Valentine, Jesse B. Johnson, Z. J. Marshall.
Reidsville—John Kerr, Jas. S. Morrison, Jas. H. Lamberth.
Sharon—John A. Johns, J. S. Crafton, Rob't Brown, Jr.
Shiloh—J. E. Jordan, Jas. B. Moore, Thos. M. Allen.
Summerfield—Wm. H. Wilson, Wiat C. Winfrey, J. W. Winchester.
Trinity—Azariah Graves, Littleton Gwinn, Thos. Slade.
Yanceyville—E. G. Covington, E. S. Coleman, G. O. Wilson.
Winston—N. T. Watkins, A. S. Jones, J. W. Durham.
Waughtown—Daniel Clodfelter, Wm. H. Shepperd, John H. Sink.

A quorum being present, the Moderator then declared the Association ready for business.

On motion of Eld. F. H. Jones, the Association goes into the election of Moderator, resulting in the re-election of Bro. John Kerr, who, after returning thanks for the renewed confidence in him as their presiding officer, takes the chair to preside over the deliberations of the body.

Correspondents from neighboring Associations are invited to present themselves and take seats with us. Whereupon Rev. J. H. Vernon, from Mt. Zion Association, and Rev. C. T. Bailey, Editor of the *Biblical Recorder*, and Reid Taylor, from Blue Ridge Association, took seats.

Letters from Waughtown Baptist Church, Forsyth county, and Shiloh Baptist Church, Caswell county, received, asking admittance into this Association, which is granted, and the right hand of fellowship extended to the delegates by the Moderator.

The Moderator announces the following committees:

On Arrangement—F. H. Jones, Jas. Poteat and A. Graves.
On Finance—T. J. Valentine, J. H. Lamberth and J. M. Lindsay.
On Religious Exercises—Rob't Gourley, James Hall, J. H. Vernon and A. Vernon.

On motion, the Association agrees to meet at 9 o'clock A. M., adjourn at 12:30, meet again at half past one o'clock, adjourn at will.

The following brethren are appointed to visit sister Associations:

Central—J. M. Williams and W. L. Poteat.
Liberty—H. A. Brown, A. E. Kitchen.
Mt. Zion—F. H. Jones.
Sandy Creek—P. Oliver.
Yadkin—J. H. Caudle and P. Oliver.

Delegates appointed to attend the Baptist State Convention at Charlotte, N. C.—First, all ordained ministers; Jas. Poteat, Thos. Slade, Azariah Graves, E. B. Marshall, T. J. Valentine, J. M. Lindsay, T. B. Lindsay, N. B. Walker, Jas. Williams, J. M. Martin, Joseph E. Jordan, J. B. Walters, Jr., D. F. King, H. B. Marley, P. D. Weaver, Dr. C. J. Watkins, and any other member of this Association who may be present.

On motion, the Association agrees to hold its next annual session with Clement Church, Person county, N. C., on Friday before the second Sabbath in August, 1879. Elder H. A. Brown is appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Jas. M. Williams his Alternate.

On motion, the Association adjourns to meet at 9 o'clock in the morning.

Benediction by Elder P. H. Fontaine.

SATURDAY MORNING, Aug. 10th, 1878.

The Association is called to order by the Moderator, after spending half an hour in devotional exercises.

Minutes of yesterday read and corrected.

The report of the committee of Arrangement is read and accepted.

The Constitution and Rules of Order are read publicly.

Committee on Temperance submits the following report:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The subject of intemperance, or the drinking of alcoholic liquors as a beverage, has engaged the attention of the best minds of the last half century, devising, if they could, the way and means by which the monster intemperance could be stopped in its onward course. Appeal after appeal have been made from the pulpit and the press in thunder tones, that men might see the danger and escape ere it be too late. Although so much has been done and said that the evil of intemperance might be abated, still drunkenness prevails to an alarming extent. Men will drink, christian men drink, and thus by their example add power and force to a bad habit, injurious to all, and from which the church of Christ is made to suffer in untold instances.

Your committee would not color too highly, but would ask if these things are not so? And if such be the condition of our churches and people, then how important that our ministers be up to the work before them. That our Deacons use their influence in the right direction, and that our members, one and all, so conduct themselves in the matter of drinking that they may lead public sentiment to an entire change upon the subject of drinking.

Your committee in conclusion, would ask: Can nothing be done to arrest so dreadful an evil? Must our pastors be silent, our churches become remiss in duty by failing to keep up proper discipline within their midst? A state of things, the opposite of the above described, might well engage our best efforts and prayers that men may see themselves as others do, and be led thereby to turn about before the habit of drinking shall become so confirmed that they may truly say, "I am ruined for time and eternity."

THOMAS J. VALENTINE.

On motion to accept, remarks are submitted by Elders C. T. Bailey and P. H. Fontaine, and the Moderator. The report is accepted.

Bros. Jones, J. M. Williams and P. H. Fontaine are appointed to draw up resolutions tendering to the churches the advice of the Association in reference to the subject of the use of intoxicating drinks.

The committee on Education submits the following

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We are glad to report that our schools and colleges throughout the State have been more largely patronized during the last year than any year since the war. While this is true, there are numbers of young men under our influence who should be urged to go to Wake Forest College next session. We should see to it that all our influence is used in behalf of our own schools. It should be gratifying to all our people to know that valuable additions are being made to our college buildings, and we should deem it a privilege and a duty to give such material aid as may be necessary to furnish the very best facilities for imparting instruction to our young men. During last session there were several young ministers under the care of the "Board of Education." Of this number one was from our Association. We would urge that the attention of all our churches be called to the growing importance of systematic giving for the education of our rising ministry.

We have as good female schools as can be found in the State or elsewhere, and we should regard it our duty to give them a liberal support.

T. J. VALENTINE,
J. H. VERNON.

On motion to accept, remarks are submitted by Elders C. T. Bailey, F. H. Jones and P. H. Fontaine.

The hour for recess arrives.

SATURDAY EVENING, 1:30.

The Association assembles at the appointed hour.

The Moderator in the chair calls the Association to order and the subject of education is resumed.

Addresses by the Moderator, Henry A. Brown. Collections $9.81; pledges $130.00.

The report is accepted.

The committee on Periodicals report as follows:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

In this age when newspapers are read among our people more than any thing else, it is exceedingly important that our denominational organ should have a place in every family. Its circulation is indispensable to a knowledge of what our brethren are doing in all parts of our State. It educates our children as nothing else can. Wherever it is taken and read, the contributions to the different objects of benevolence are wonderfully increased. It has never been in a more prosperous condition than now under the editorship of Eld. C. T. Bailey. We would recommend that a committee be appointed in every church, whose duty it shall be to ascertain how many copies of the *Biblical Recorder* are taken, and make use of their best endeavors to get those who are not taking it to subscribe immediately. We would also recommend that our church letters state how many copies are taken in the different churches.

"Kind Words" is the best paper we can get for our Sunday Schools, and should be liberally sustained. *The Foreign Mission Journal* is valuable for information in this department of christian activity.

Respectfully,

H. A. BROWN.

On motion to accept, addresses are made by Elders C. T. Bailey, J. M. Williams and P. H. Fontaine.

The report is accepted.

The committee on State Missions submits the following report:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Your committee respectfully report that the State Mission Board of the Baptist State Convention is still prosecuting the work committed to its hands, with all the zeal and energy the means at its disposal will allow. There are six or seven missionaries under appointment laboring in destitute fields. The report from these brethren indicate a high degree of prosperity in their respective fields, two or three new churches have been established, and new fields are opening up daily, and new applications for aid are laid before the board at its every meeting. If this work is carried on it must be by the direct effort of our churches. The Board has no agent in the field, and is therefore dependent upon the pastors and churches for means to support the missionaries and send men to cultivate the destitute fields. We have one missionary in this Association, Bro. H. A. Brown, at Winston, for one-fourth of his time at $150.00; $63.83 has been paid one missionary, the balance we hope has been sent up to this meeting. We present Bro. Brown's report of his labors during this year.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. POTEAT.

On motion to accept, remarks are submitted by Elders C. T. Bailey, Rob't Gourley, the Moderator, P. H. Fontaine and F. H. Jones.

On motion, the report was laid on the table.

Elders F. H. Jones, J. H. Vernon and Rob't Gourley are appointed to nominate an Executive Committee.

The Association engages in devotional exercises, singing "Jesus, lover of my soul." J. H. Vernon leading in prayer.

On motion, adjourned.

Benediction by Eld. F. H. Jones.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES ON SUNDAY.

Sunday School Address at 9 o'clock A. M.

Elder C. T. Bailey preached in the church at 11 o'clock A. M.

Elder P. H. Fontaine preached at the arbor at 11 o'clock A. M.

Elder H. A. Brown preached at the church at 2 o'clock P. M.

Elder F. H. Jones preached at the arbor at 2 o'clock P.M.

MONDAY, Aug. 12th, 1878--9 o'clock.

The congregation assembles at the singing of the hymn, "When I can read my title clear." The Moderator reads 5th chapter of the Gospel by Mark, and Eld. Rob't Gourley leads in prayer.

The Moderator in the chair calls the Association to order.

Minutes of Saturday read and approved.

The subject of State Missions is resumed.

Addresses by Elders C. T. Bailey, F. H. Jones, H. A. Brown and J. M. Lindsay.

The delegates from the different churches promise to try and raise the amounts here for the object of State Missions during the next Associational year.

Kerr's Chapel, $10.00; Beaver Island, $5.00; Ephesus, $15.00; Clement, $10.00; Elm Grove, $6.00; Friendship, $5.00; Good Will, $5.00; Greensboro, $10.00; Leaksville, $25.00; Madison, $20.00; Milton, $10.00; Mt. Olive, $5.00; Oak Ridge, $10.00; Providence, $5.00; Red Bank, $25.00; Reidsville, $20.00; Sharon, $5.00; Shiloh, $15.00; Summerfield, $5.00; Trinity, $15.00; Yanceyville, $30.00; Winston, $25.00; Waughtown, $8.

The report is accepted.

The committee on Sunday Schools reports as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

In reading over again the report we submitted to the last Beulah Association, your committee have little to add. They would only suggest the grand superiority of the Bible over all other books, both in mental and moral training. It is greater than all other text-books combined. It is the very highest science of our life. We are not afraid of virtue, honor, honesty, truth, temperance; neither let us be afraid of that book which teaches religion, the embodiment of these and all other graces. We cannot teach truth or honesty without teaching it. Honesty is being strictly just, doing right to all. What is right? What is wrong? These questions bring us to the great Author of all goodness—to the Author of that book which teaches the only true religion on earth. This, kept out of the hands of our youth, dwarfs them, mentally and morally, and makes them only *fragments* of men. We, therefore, respectfully request that our report of 1877 be adopted and printed in the Minutes as a continuation of our report of 1878.

W. S. FONTAINE,
JAMES M. WILLIAMS.

Address by Elder F. H. Jones and E. S. Coleman.

Bro. Geo. O. Wilson makes a report of the Yanceyville Sunday School.

REPORT OF THE BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL AT YANCEYVILLE.

RECEIPTS.

By monthly collections,	$ 9 31
By mite-boxes,	4 44
By committee for Teachers and Leaflets,	6 18
By committee for Library,	22 25
Total,	$42 18

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Library,	$22 25
For Teachers and Leaflets,	6 18
For State Missions,	9 31
For Foreign Missions,	4 44
Total,	$42 18

We have 50 scholars on our roll, the average attendance being 36. Until June we had in the school, *The Reaper* and *Kind Words*, 20 copies of each. We continue to take the *Baptist Teacher* with the *Lesson Leaflets*. There are eight teachers in school, five female and three male. We meet every Sunday morning at 9 A. M.

GEO. O. WILSON,
Assistant Sup't.

The Presbytery reports that Bro. Jas. T. Vernon was ordained to preach the Gospel.

Finance committee report: State Mission, $135.78; Foreign Mission, $40.39; Education, $19.73; Associational Fund, $42.93; Sabbath School, $2.35.

The hour of recess arrives.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 1:30 P. M.

The congregation assembles at the singing of "How tedious and tasteless the hour." The Moderator calls the Association to order.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

As to the missionaries in the field, their post offices, and places of labor, there has been very little change in the last year. An account of which will be found in the Minutes of last Association.

The report of the Treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention shows that nearly $33,000 has been collected and disbursed in the interest of Foreign Missions during the last year, which is a little more than was contributed the year preceding our last meeting, and $5,000 beyond the average contributions since the war. This, too, has been done during a year of unprecedented monetary pressure. Under the circumstances, it is a cause of

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JOHN KERR, *Moderator.*
nd Treasurer.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	Sunday Schools.	Association Fund.
Buchanan,	$ 50	$ 50	......	$ 50	.. ..	$ 1 00
Beaver Island,	......	......	......	......	......	1 25
Beulah,	8 25	16 65	$ 9 00	9 00	$ 1 75	2 07
Clement,	4 10	4 00	... ..	... ..	......	1 50
Cool Springs,	......	......	......	......	......	... ..
Ephesus,	8 70	7 08	......	... ..	.. ..	3 00
Elm Grove,	......	......	......	......	......	50
Friendship,	......	4 20	......	......	......	1 65
Good Will,	......	......	......	......	... ..	2 31
Greensboro,	......	16 43	7 73	......	......	2 00
Kerr's Chapel,	25	10 80	......	2 50	25	2 10
Leaksville,	13 20	7 50	.....	2 00	......	1 35
Madison,	1 95	5 66	......	......	......	2 20
Mayfield,	......	.. ...	......	... ..	......	... ..
Milton,	9 83	4 92	......	4 92	... ..	1 85
Mt. Olive,	......	2 25	......	......	... ..	1 85
Oak Ridge,	55	1 30	......	80	......	1 20
Providence,	1 68	1 45	......	.. ..	......	......
Red Bank,	13 50	4 00	......	......	......	2 00
Reidsville,	6 01	4 45	......	11 42	......	2 00
Sharon,	2 00	......	......	......	......	1 20
Shiloh,	5 00	16 91	... ..	5 50	......	1 56
Summerfield,	......	......	.. ...	......	. . .	......
Trinity,	6 89	10 75	.. ..	5 75	. ....	2 75
Winston,	13 10	16 30	4 00	......	......	2 00
Yanceyville,	31 83	75 29	10 50	24 25	10 82	3 00
	$ 128 34	$ 210 44	$21 23	$66 64	$12 82	$40 34

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	Church Meeting.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Dis. by Letter.	Expelled.	Restored.	Deceased.	Total.	Pupils in S. School.
Buchanan,	Wm. B. Harrell,	P. D. Weaver,	Greensboro	4th						1	20	40
Beaver Island,	Rob't Gourley,	Jas. A. Vernon,	Madison,	1st	6						63	40
Beulah,	F. H. Jones,	Jas. C. King,	Milton,	3rd	2		1	1			38	
Clement,	J. H. Vernon,	I. B. Pleasant,	Roxboro,	1st		3		2			66	20
Cool Spring,												
Elm Grove,	Jas. T. Vernon,	Isaac Oaks,	Summerfield,				2	2		5	28	
Ephesus,	John K. Faukner,	Jas. A. Green,	Mt Carmel,	2d	1	3	2	1		1	60	40
Friendship,	P. Oliver,	C. J. Carrol,	Wilson Store,	4th		4		1		1	92	
Good Will,	Jas. T. Vernon,	R. Stanley,	Madison,	2d	5	1		1		1	60	40
Greensboro,	Rev. H. Petty,	R. L. Vernon,	Greensboro,		11	4	3	2		1	70	70
Kerr's Chapel,	J. H. Vernon,	T. Y. Baynes,	Anderson's Store,	4th				1		1	80	
Leaksville,	D. G. Taylor,	C. G. Jones,	Leaksville,	3rd	1	1	5	7		3	124	65
Madison,	P. H. Fontaine,	T. B. Lindsay,	Madison,	1st			5	4			109	9
Milton,	J. K. Faukner,	J. J. Yarboro,	Milton,	1st		1	7			1	48	
Mt. Olive,	Rob't Gourley,	Wm. L. Smith,	Quaker Gap,	2d	6	1		2		2	100	50
Oak Ridge,	Rob't Gourley,	P. D. Watkins,	Watkinsville,	4th	5			2			50	25
Providence,	T. H. Walker,	Zack Thompson,	Purley,	4th	1			2			36	40
Red Bank,	H. A. Brown,	Jas. T. Valentine,	Germanton,	3rd			6	1		1	55	35
Reidsville,	P. H. Fontaine,	Scott Williams,	Reidsville,	4th		5	7	3		3	118	65
Sharon,	W. S. Fontaine,	P. D. Simpson,	Aspen Grove,	4th	13						33	30
Shiloh,	F. H. Jones,	C. J. Yarboro,	Milton,	2d		1	2	1			77	44
Summerfield,		J. W. Winchester,	Summerfield,	1st			5	2		3	65	
Trinity,	F. H. Jones,	Thos. Slade,	Lenox Castle,	1st				1			47	
Winston,	H. A. Brown,	J. W. Durham,	Winston,	1st	18	18	2	2	1		124	135
Yanceyville,	F. H. Jones,	Jas. Poteat,	Yanceyville,	4th				4	1	4	126	50
Waughtown,	J. B. Richardson,	W. W. Phillips,	Salem,	2d	3						29	

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be called the BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ART. 2. It shall be composed of the Ordained Ministers who are members of, and those who may have pastoral charge within, the Associational district, and of three delegates from each church in the district aforesaid.

ART. 3. The said delegates shall, before taking their seats, produce letters from their respective churches showing their appointments as delegates.

ART. 4. The Associational Session shall be held at least once a year.

ART. 5. The officers shall be a Moderator and Clerk, and if deemed expedient by the Association, a Treasurer likewise.

ART. 6. The Moderator shall be chosen annually, but the Clerk shall continue in office at the pleasure of the Association.

ART. 7. The Association shall be clothed with authority only to advise the churches touching all things pertaining to their interest, but shall in no case presume to direct or control them in reference to their own government or internal policy.

ART. 8. A Committee of Arrangements consisting of three members shall be appointed on the first day of each session to prepare and report an order of proceedings and to suggest topics proper for the consideration and action of the Association, and the said committee shall report promptly on the morning of the second day of the session.

ART. 9. Baptist ministers not members of the Association who may be present at any session of the body may, on invitation by the body, take seats and participate in the debates of the Association.

ART. 10. At each session of the Association there shall be appointed an Executive Committee of five, three of whom shall constitute a quorum, whose duty it shall be to superintend, and in conjunction with the Missionary Boards of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, direct the Missionary operations of the Association.

ART. 11. All committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

ART. 12. At each annual session the Association shall appoint a Presbytery for the ordination of Ministers and constitution of churches, who shall, however, in all cases of ordination act in obedience to the call and under the direction of the churches calling them.

ART. 13. The Constitution may be altered only at an annual session of the Association and by a vote of two-thirds of the whole body present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The Association shall meet punctually each day at the hour appointed and on the appearance of a quorum, the Moderator shall cause the Minutes of the preceding day to be read.

2. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to decide all questions on points of order, subject, however, to an appeal from his decision to the Association.

3. The Moderator shall be entitled to vote only in case of an equal division of the Association.

4. He shall not participate in debate except on points of order, unless by unanimous consent of the Association, or until he shall have called another member to the chair.

5. Members shall, in debate, or on rising to make a motion, address the Moderator.

6. When two or more members rise at the same time, the Moderator shall designate the person who shall first occupy the floor.

7. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Association without its leave.

8. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a day certain, to commit or to amend—which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand here arranged.

9. All committees, unless otherwise ordered, shall consist of three members only.

10. A committee shall be appointed on the first day of every session to designate ministers to preach during the session of the Association.

11. No motion shall be put to the Association by the Moderator unless it receives a second.

12. No rule of order shall be rescinded or suspended unless by a vote of two-thirds of the body.

13. The Constitution and Rules of Order shall be read publicly in the Association on the second day of each session.

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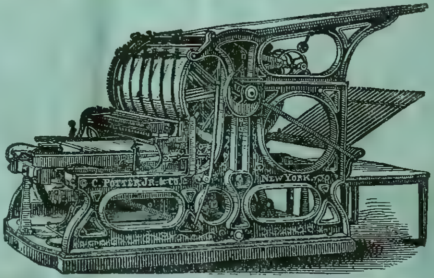

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Julius Terrell,	Francisco,	"
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T. Harrison,	Greensboro,	"
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W. G. Graves, Wm. Lea.

PROCEEDINGS.

CLEMENT, N. C., AUG. 8th, 1879.

The Beulah Baptist Association met in its Forty-Fifth Annual Session with the Baptist Church at Clement, Person county, N. C.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder H. A. Brown, from Col., 1 ch., 28 verse.

After a short recess, the Association was called to order by Eld. F. H. Jones. The letters were read and delegates enrolled as follows:

Buchanan—M. S Whittington.
Beaver Island—Jas. A. Vernon.
Beulah—Wm. R. Pleasants, J. C. King.
Clement—C. G. Harris, W. H. Hudgins, G. W. Whitfield.
Ephesus—Wm. M. Faulker, P. H. Clay.
Elm Grove—Letter.
Friendship—Carey Moore.
Good Will—G. W. Landrems.
Greensboro—Eld. R. R. Moore, A. G. Newell.
Kerr's Chapel—Wm. Walker, L. F. Harrelson.
Leaksville—Not represented.
Madison—T. B. Lindsay.
Milton—J. J. Yarboro, J. B. Walters, C. J. Allen.
Mt. Olive—Not represented.
Oak Ridge—M. L. Hutchison.
Providence—Not represented.
Red Bank—E. W. Marshall, Thos. J. Valentine, J. T. Valentine.
Reidsville—Jas. S. Morrison, J. H. Lambeth.
Sharon—Eld. W. S. Fontaine, Robert Brown, Jr.
Shiloh—J. E. Jordan, C. J. Yarboro, J. B. Moore.
Summerfield—W. H. Wilson.
Trinity—Azariah Graves, Lyttleton Gwynn.
Yanceyville—E. G. Covington, J. W. Swift, Jas. Poteat.
Winston—T. H. Glenn, Jas. A. Baker.
Waughtown—Robert L. Masten, W. W. Phillips.

Letters from Winston Female Missionary and Aid Society, and from Yanceyville Sunday School, were read.

A quorum was found present, and Eld. F. H. Jones declared the Association ready for business.

On motion, the Association went into the election of Moderator, which resulted in the choice of Eld. F. H. Jones, who, after tendering his thanks and asking the co-operation of the brethren, assumed the duties of his new position.

Bro. T. B. Lindsay, the former Clerk, tendered his resignation, which was, on motion, accepted, and Eld. H. A. Brown was, by acclamation, elected Clerk.

Corresponding Messengers from sister Associations, and visiting brethren, were invited to seats. T. H. Pritchard, President Wake Forest College and corresponding messenger from Central Association, F. P. Hobgood, Principal of Raleigh Female Seminary, J. T. Averitt, one of the Principals of Roanoke Female College and messenger from Roanoke Association, Eld. Wm. B. Harrell, corresponding messenger from Mt. Zion Association, Eld. J. T. Betts, Bro. J. B. Anderson, messengers from Roanoke Association, Prof. L. R. Mills, Superintendent of Board of Education, John E. Ray, Cor. Sec. State Mission and Sunday School Boards, C. T. Bailey, editor *Biblical Recorder*, Eld. J. S. Purefoy, W. L. Poteat, J. M. Williams and N. R. Pittman, visiting brethren from the Central Association, and S. O. Wilson, agent for *Biblical Recorder*, accepted the invitation.

Bro. T. J. Valentine moved that a committee of Arrangements be appointed. The chair announced the following committee: H. A. Brown, Azariah Graves, and Jas. Poteat.

Brethren T. J. Valentine, Jas. S. Morrison and J. H. Lambeth, were appointed a committee on Finance.

The Pastor and Deacons of Clement Church were appointed a committee on Religious Excrcises.

The Association resolved to meet at nine o'clock each morning, spend half an hour in devotional exercises, take dinner at half-past twelve, re-assemble at 2 p. m., and adjourn at will.

The following brethren were appointed to attend the Associations named below:

Central—Eld. J. H. Vernon and Bro. Jas. Poteat.
Liberty—Elds. H. A. Brown, R. R. Moore, and Bro. T. J. Valentine.
Flat River—J. H. Vernon and Jas. Burton.
Mt. Zion—Elds. Jones and Moore, and Brethren J. E. Jordan and A. B. Walker.
Sandy Creek—Eld. P. Oliver.
Yadkin—Elds. J. H. Caudle and P. Oliver.
Roanoke—Bro. E. G. Covington.
Dan River—Bro. J. E. Jordan.

Besides the ordained ministers of the Association, the following brethren were appointed to attend the Baptist State Convention to meet in Oxford, N. C.: Jas. Poteat, Thos. Slade, Azariah Graves, E. W. Marshall, T. J. Valentine, J

M. Lindsay, T. B. Lindsay, A. B. Walker, J. M. Martin, J. E. Jordan, J. B. Walters, Jr., D. F. King, H. B. Marley, P. D. Weaver and Dr. C. J. Watkins.

On motion, the Association adjourned to the stand to hear a speech from Eld. C. T. Bailey on the *Biblical Recorder*. Bro. Bailey was followed by Eld. T. H. Pritchard, in an earnest appeal in behalf of the paper.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock on Saturday.

SATURDAY MORNING, August 9th.

Religious exercises were conducted by Eld. W. B. Harrell.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The report of the committee of Arrangements was read and accepted.

The Constitution and Rules of Order were read.

The subject of Ministerial Education was taken up, and Prof. L. R. Mills was requested to prepare a suitable report. The Association was addressed by Prof. L. R. Mills, Elders T. Harrison and H. A. Brown. The delegates promised to TRY to to raise, in their respective churches, the following amounts for the Board of Education:

Buchanan $3.00, Beaver Island $5.00, Beulah $10.00, Clement $10.00, Ephesus $10.00, Friendship $5.00, Greensboro $10.00, Kerr's Chapel $10.00, Madison $10.00, Milton $10.00, Red Bank $15.00, Reidsville $20 00, Sharon $5.00, Shiloh $15.00, Summerfield $5.00, Trinity $10.00, Winston $35, Yanceyville $30.

A collection amounting to $7.80 was taken, after which the following report was adopted:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

In accordance with a resolution passed by the Baptist State Convention at its session in Durham, N. C., the Trustees of Wake Forest College organized an English and Bible School for our young ministers. The object had in view in establishing this School is to give our young ministers an opportunity of acquiring a good English education, together with an outline course in Theology. We urge all our young ministers, who can, to avail themselves of these advantages. During the year the Board of Education has had under its charge thirteen young ministers. The

Board has a small debt. We would urge upon our brethren and sisters the very great importance of educating their sons and daughters. We hold that to educate our sons and daughters, as best we can, is a duty we owe our children, ourselves, our country, and our church.

Respectfully submitted, L. R. MILLS.

The subject of general education was discussed by T. H. Pritchard, President Wake Forest College, F. P. Hobgood of Raleigh Female Seminary, J. T. Averitt of Roanoke Female College, and Eld. J. S. Purefoy.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

During the year the State Mission Board has had under its direction 19 missionaries. Some have been sustained by the Board independent of the Association in which their work was done—others have been sustained in part by the Board and the balance paid by the Associations—while others, still, have been supported by the Associations and their work simply reported to the Board. These brethren have occupied some of the most important points in our State. Weak and struggling churches have been helped in their work, and many destitute places supplied with the Gospel of Christ; churches have been constituted; Sabbath schools have been organized; tracts have been distributed, and much visiting from house to house has been done. From every quarter cheering reports come up from these faithful toilers in the vineyard of the Master. It is to be regretted that the contributions to this department have not been more liberal. Sooner should we forget the graves of our fathers than this cause that has been blessed in building up so many waste places and making the desert blossom as the rose. Let our motto be: More prayer, more money, more work for State Missions next year than ever before. H. A. BROWN.

The Association was addressed by John E. Ray, Cor. Sec. of State Mission Board, and Eld. J. B. Richardson. Subscriptions were taken, amounting to $26.00, to be paid towards sustaining Bro. Harrison at Greensboro. The report was, on motion, adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We are glad to learn, from the reading of the letters, an increased interest in the cause of Sabbath Schools. We would recommend that this interest be kept up. Let us not be afraid of studying the Bible, as we cannot teach truth and honesty without teaching it. Apart from the ministry, we know of no better means of diffusing a knowledge of the Bible than by a well-organized and well-conducted Sabbath School.

Respectfully submitted, J. E. JORDAN,
JAS. POTEAT,
Committee.

On motion of Bro. Vernon, the discussion of this subject was deferred until Sunday morning, when there was a mass meeting addressed by the following brethren : Jas. S. Morrison, T. J. Valentine, J. T. Betts, Jas. M. Williams and Jno. E. Ray. A collection was taken, amounting to $4.41.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We cannot do well without a religious newspaper to bear to our homes the religious intelligence from abroad. Through it we may gain much information upon the teachings of the Bible ; and also hold converse with our brethren far away, and know much of the condition of our beloved Zion.

The *Biblical Recorder*, the State organ of our denomination and the only medium of communication with the churches, is now conducted by a good scholar, lively writer, a sound theologian, and an efficient business man. Its editorials are sprightly and devout, its selections are orthodox and instructive, its summary of news complete and reliable. We therefore most earnestly recommend: 1. That all our ministers lay the claims of the *Recorder* before all their congregations; 2. That our Sunday School teachers be requested to recommend the *Recorder* to the young, in order that good seed may take deep root in the soil before weeds shall occupy the ground; 3. As the *Recorder* is one of the most efficient agents in carrying the truth to the people of our State, it is our solemn duty to aid the editor in the great efforts and sacrifices he is now making to increase its circulation and extend its influence.

We also recommend *Kind Words* for the Sunday Schools.

That our people be informed as to the extent of our operations as Missionary Baptists, it is recommended that a more general attention be directed to the *Foreign Mission Journal*. We therefore recommend that this paper be more generally patronized. It deserves our earnest support.

F. H. Jones.

After short addresses by Elders C. T. Bailey and J. B. Richardson, the report was adopted.

The following brethren were appointed to nominate an Executive Committee: H. A. Brown, Jas. Poteat, and Joel Walters.

On motion adjourned. Prayer by Elder J. T. Betts.

SUNDAY.

There was an immense congregation and the best of order prevailed. In the morning interesting speeches were made on the subject of Sabbath Schools.

At 11 o'clock, T. H. Pritchard, D. D., preached at the stand, and Eld. C. T. Bailey preached in the house.

At 2 o'clock, p. m., Eld. J. B. Richardson preached at the stand, and Eld. J. S. Purefoy preached in the house.

MONDAY MORNING, Aug. 11, 1879.

Religious exercises were conducted by Elder J. T. Betts.

The Association was called to order at 9:30 o'clock.

The report on Sabbath Schools was again taken up. After being read it was adopted.

Elder J. H. Vernon submitted the following

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The command of our Savior, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," is imperative. The command calls for obedience on the part of all who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Some one may ask, how shall we obey this great command of our Divine Master. We recommend, as a committee, that we circulate information on the subject. The work has been abundantly blessed, and the field is now white unto the harvest. Our Missionary, Dr. M. T. Yates of China, is soon to commence a series of articles on the China Missions, and we here urge the claims of our denominational paper.

The Association was addressed by Elds. J. H. Vernon, T. Harrison, Wm. S. Fontaine, R. R. Moore, W. B. Harrell, and Bro. Pittman.

On motion, the rules of order were suspended, and the Association went into the consideration of time and place of next session. After some discussion by Elder W. B. Harrell, Azariah Graves and T. J. Valentine, it was agreed to meet, as heretofore, on Friday before the second Sabbath in August. Waughtown Church, in Forsythe county, was selected as the place of our next meeting. Elder T. Harrison was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Elder Wm. B. Harrell alternate.

Bro. J. M. Williams read the

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The subject of intemperance has, at no period in the history of our nation, demanded the attention of Christians and philanthropists that it does at the present day. It is wonderful that when the whole country is covered with monuments of ruin produced by intemperance—of intellectual and moral worth, once high in dignity, now abject and prostrate—of families once happy and prosperous, now helpless, broken hearted and struggling for subsistence—all Christians are not battling with untired energy against this great evil. We believe the time has come, and now is, when all Christians should take a firm stand against intemperance. We are glad to see that some of our churches are taking this stand, and hope to see the day when all will be in favor of temperance in all things. We believe it the imperative duty of the church to exclude every member who deals in, or uses intoxicating liquors as a beverage ; unless he can be induced to forsake the pernicious practice. In conclusion, we would ask our ministers, and brethren generally, to do all in their power to put down this growing evil in our land.

Interesting speeches were made by Brethren Azariah Graves, J. M. Williams, J. S. Morrison, W. B. Harrell and Thos. J. Valentine. The report was adopted.

On motion, the report of the Finance Committee was read and accepted. It appears from this report that the churches sent up to the Association the following amounts: For State Missions, $242.88; for Foreign Missions, $23.67; for Ministerial Education, $64.05; for Sunday Schools, $10.42; for Printing Minutes of Association, $36.62. [See Financial Table.]

The Moderator appointed the following standing committees:

State Missions—H. A. Brown, J. W. Swift.
Education—J. H. Vernon, J. E. Jordan.
Periodicals—T. B. Lindsay, Azariah Graves.
Foreign Missions—T. Harrison, Jas. S. Morrison.
Sunday Schools—J. B. Richardson, R. R. Moore.
Temperance—T. J. Valentine, J. T. Betts.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Dear Brethren: Your committee, to whom was entrusted the selection of Missionaries to operate in our Association, herewith submit their annual report:

We found some difficulty in getting a conference after our appointment at your last session; but by correspondence with Bro. Guthrie, who lived nearest the field of labor, and due consultation with those best acquainted with the needs and prospects of the places calling for assistance, we made the following appropriations: To Elder H. A. Brown, preaching in and around Winston, a supplement to his salary of $125. His report is most gratifying. To Elder W. S. Fontaine, operating at Sharon church, a supplement ot $25. He has preached thirteen sermons, held three prayer-meetings, visited thirty-two families holding religious conversation with them, and raised $7.50 for the State Board. He asks for the same appropriation next year. We voted $50 to Eld. J. B. Richardson as a supplement for Waughtown, a new and interesting church of this body. His report is very encouraging; has raised, for all objects, about $175. There is connected with this interest an evergreen Sunday School. We also appropriated the sum of $50 to Bro. P. Oliver, who is giving monthly preaching to the people around Pleasant Ridge S. H., in Forsythe county. He is hopeful of success, and is determined to persevere in his field.

We recommend this feature of our Associational work to the prayerful consideration of our churches. Let us foster the true Christian spirit, and cultivate the waste places of our Zion.

J. H. VERNON, *Chairman.*

The committee appointed to nominate an Executive Committee reported the following nominations, which were confirmed: Eld. F. H. Jones, T. J. Valentine, Jas. S. Morrison, Azariah Graves, and J. J. Yarboro.

The following resolutions were adopted, after being discussed by Brethren Valentine and Graves, and Elds. Fontaine, Brown, Jones and Harrell:

Resolved 1*st*. That all the ordained ministers of this Association constitute a presbytery to ordain ministers and constitute churches in our bounds, and that five be necessary to form a quorum.

Resolved 2*nd*. That all the churches be requested not to ordain ministers or constitute churches without the presence of a quorum.

Bro. T. B. Lindsay offered the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Beulah Association be, and are hereby, tendered the brethren, kind sisters and friends of this community for the kind and amiable hospitality extended to the delegates and visitors; also, for conveyances sent to the depot for their accommodation.

Bro. Graves moved that the above resolution be read by the pastor of Clement church to his congregation on the Sabbath of their next regular meeting.

On motion, adjourned.

The Moderator delivered a touching address, the brethren and sisters sang "Jesus, more than life to me," extended to one another the hand of Christian love, and, with full hearts and streaming eyes, engaged in prayer for future blessings on the Association, Elder Harrison leading.

F. H. JONES, Moderator.

H. A. Brown, Clerk.

PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.
Buchanan,	Wm. B. Harrell,	P. D. Weaver,	Greensboro.
Beaver Island,	Rob't Gourley,	Jas. A. Vernon,	Madison.
Beulah,	F. H. Jones,	J. C. King,	Milton.
Clement,	J. H. Vernon,	J. M. Burton,	Long's Cross Roads.
Cool Spring,			
Elm Grove,	J. T. Vernon,	Isaac Oaks,	Summerfield.
Ephesus,	J. T. Betts,	Jas. A. Green,	Mt. Carmel.
Friendship,	No pastor,	C. J. Carroll,	Wilson's Store.
Good Will,	Jas. T. Vernon,	R. Stanley,	Walkertown.
Greensboro,	T. Harrison,	R. L. Vernon,	Greensboro.
Kerr's Chapel	J. H. Vernon,	T. Y. Baynes,	Anderson's Store.
Leaksville,	No pastor,	C. G. Jones,	Leaksville.
Madison,	P. H. Fontaine,	T. B. Lindsay,	Douglas, or Madison.
Milton,	Wm. State,	J. J. Yarboro,	Milton.
Mt. Olive,	Rob't Gourley,	Wm. L. Smith,	Quaker Gap.
Oak Ridge,	Jas. T. Vernon,	P. D. Watkins,	Watkinsville.
Providence,			
Red Bank,	H. A. Brown,	J. T. Valentine,	Germanton.
Reidsville,	P. H. Fontaine,	Scott Williams,	Reidsville.
Sharon,	W. S. Fontaine,	P. D. Simpson,	Reidsville.
Shiloh,	F. H. Jones,	C. J. Yarboro,	Milton.
Summerfield,	No pastor,	J. W. Winchester,	Hillsdale.
Trinity,	F. H. Jones,	Theo. Slade,	Lenox Castle.
Winston,	H. A. Brown,	I. W. Durham,	Winston.
Yanceyville,	F. H. Jones,	Jas. Poteat,	Yanceyville.
Waughtown,	J. B. Richardson,	W. W. Phillips	Salem.

STATISTICAL TABLE OF CHURCHES AND SABBATH SCHOOLS.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Church Meetings.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	Expelled.	Restored.	Deceased.	Total.	NAME OF SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT.	No. of pupils in school.	Number of Classes.	No. of vols. in Library.
Yanceyville,	4th,	8		8		1	5	125	B. Lownes,	40	7	
Buchanan,	2d,		1	5			2	15	P. D. Weaver,	37		
Beaver Island,	1st,	1	2	1				68	Jas. A. Vernon,	25		
Beulah,	3d,	1			2		2	37	No Sabbath School,			
Clement,	1st,		3		3			66	No Sabbath School,			
Cool Spring,									None reported,			
Elm Grove,							1	28	None reported,			
Ephesus,	2d,		1		2		2	72	Jas. Bennett,	60		
Friendship,	4th,				1		2	89	None reported,			
Good Will,	2d,	10					1	77	None reported,			
Greensboro,	1st,	7	9	2			2	82	R. L. Vernon,	86		250
Kerr's Chapel,	4th,							80	No Sabbath School,			
Leaksville,								124	None reported,			
Madison,	1st,	11			1			119	M. Stamps,	16	4	50
Milton,	1st,		1	2				46	Unknown,			
Mt. Olive,	2d,	3	1		4		2	90		75		75
Oak Ridge,	4th,	1						51	P. D. Watkins,	40		
Providence,								36				
Red Bank,	3d,	5		3				60	T. J. Valentine,	45		100
Reidsville,	4th,	19	4		4		2	133	Jas. S. Morrison,	45	5	
Sharon,	4th,							32	None reported,			
Shiloh,	2d,	40	3	1				123	J. E. Jordan and Jas. B. Moore,	150		
Summerfield,	2d,			1			1	60	None reported,			
Trinity,	1st,	3		1				48	No Sabbath School,			
Winston,	1st,	3	13	1	6		1	136	J. D. Hollister,	125	13	200
Waughtown,	2d,	23						52	P. E. Leight,	104		200

FINANCIAL TABLE, showing amount Contributed during year so far as reported in Letters.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Other Church Expenses.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home, Foreign, Domestic and China Missions.	Education.	Sabbath School purposes.	Associational Fund.
Buchanan,	$ 72 10	$ 5 00	$ 1 00	$ 1 00	$	$	$ 1 00	$ 75
Beaver Island,	50 00		5 00					1 50
Beulah,			15 00		6 25	6 75	1 00	1 50
Clement,	100 00		6 50					2 00
Cool Spring,								
Elm Grove,			35					60
Ephesus,			3 00			10 00	1 05	3 00
Friendship,			4 20	6 56	3 50			1 20
Good Will,	38 45	5 65	1 85					
Greensboro,		60 90		15 57	5 00		21 14	1 50
Kerr's Chapel,			10 00			4 45		1 70
Leaksville,								
Madison,	150 00	60 00	20 00	2 98	17 00	4 10		2 00
Milton,			18 28	9 14		9 14		1 50
Mt. Olive,			6 00	12 75	5 58			2 00
Oak Ridge,	50 00		1 30	4 25	1 30	65		95
Providence,								
Red Bank,	125 00		20 71		5 00	5 00		2 00
Reidsville,			7 75	7 75	7 30	14 80	15 00	2 00
Sharon,			5 00	1 15				1 35
Shiloh,			16 37	3 00	5 50	3 57	2 46	2 03
Summerfield,			5 00					1 25
Trinity,			15 00	14 00	8 91	1 80	91	2 29
*Winston,	325 00	350 00	31 25	27 74	21 35	20 00	31 34	2 00
*Yanceyville,		110 00	35 52	31 45	24 35	28 25	33 65	3 25
Waughtown,		120 00	16 00		3 61			1 75

*Winston Church has a Female Miss. and Aid Society which contributed as follows: State Miss. $6.25; For. Miss. $11.74.
*Yanceyville " " " " " " " " " " 5.00; " " 5.00.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be called the BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ART. 2. It shall be composed of the Ordained Ministers who are members of, and those who may have pastoral charge within, the Associational district, and of three delegates from each church in the district aforesaid.

ART. 3. The said delegates shall, before taking their seats, produce letters from their respective churches showing their appointments as delegates.

ART. 4. The Associational Session shall be held at least once a year.

ART. 5. The officers shall be a Moderator and Clerk, and if deemed expedient by the Association, a Treasurer likewise.

ART. 6. The Moderator shall be chosen annually, but the Clerk shall continue in office at the pleasure of the Association.

ART. 7. The Association shall be clothed with authority only to advise the churches touching all things pertaining to their interest, but shall in no case presume to direct or control them in reference to their own government or internal policy.

ART. 8. A Committee of Arrangements, consisting of three members, shall be appointed on the first day of each session to prepare and report an order of proceedings and to suggest topics proper for the consideration and action of the Association, and the said committee shall report promptly on the morning of the second day of the session.

ART. 9. Baptist ministers not members of the Association who may be present at any session of the body may, on invitation by the body, take seats and participate in the dabates of the Association.

ART. 10. At each session of the Association there shall be appointed an Executive Committee of five, three of whom shall constitute a quorum, whose duty it shall be to superintend, and in conjunction with the Missionary Boards of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, direct the Missionary operations of the Association.

ART. 11. All committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

ART. 12. At each annual session the Association shall appoint a Presbytery for the ordination of Ministers and constitution of churches, who shall, however, in all cases of ordination act in obedience to the call and under the direction of the churches calling them.

ART. 13. The Constitution may be altered only at an annual session of the Association and by a vote of two-thirds of the whole body present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The Association shall meet punctually each day at the hour appointed and on the appearance of a quorum, the Moderator shall cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read.

2. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to decide all questions on points of order, subject, however, to an appeal from his decision to the Association.

3. The Moderator shall be entitled to vote only in case of an equal division of the Association.

4. He shall not participate in debate except on points of order, unless by unanimous consent of the Association, or until he shall have called another member to the chair.

5. Members shall, in debate, or on rising to make a motion, address the Moderator.

6. When two or more members rise at the same time, the Moderator shall designate the person who shall first occupy the floor.

7. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Association without its leave.

8. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a day certain, to commit or to amend—which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand here arranged.

9. All committees, unless otherwise ordered, shall consist of three members only.

10. A committee shall be appointed on the first day of every session to designate ministers to preach during the session of the Association.

11. No motion shall be put to the Association by the Moderator unless it receives a second.

12. No rule of order shall be rescinded or suspended unless by a vote of two-thirds of the body.

13. The Constitution and Rules of Order shall be read publicly in the Association on the second day of each session.

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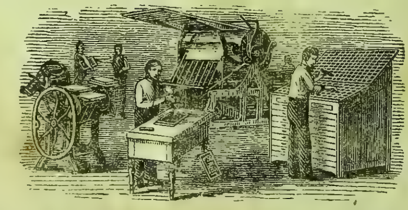

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ORDAINED MINISTERS.

W. S. Fontaine,	Reidsville,	N. C.
Robert Gourley,	Winston,	"
J. H. Caudle,	Quaker Gap,	"
T. H. Walker,	Pelham,	"
R. R. Moore,	Greensboro,	"
T. Harrison,	Greensboro,	"
F. H. Jones,	Yanceyville,	"
P. H. Fontaine,	Reidsville,	"
P. Oliver,	Little Yadkin,	"
J. H. Vernon,	Bushy Fork,	"
H. A. Brown,	Winston,	"
J. T. Vernon,	Madison,	"

Elds. M. Baldwin and J. B. Richardson have charge of churches in our bounds.

LICENTIATES.

J. M. Williams,	Reidsville,	N. C.
J. H. Lambeth,	Wake Forest,	"
Wm. Wilson,	Wake Forest,	"

TRUSTEES.

Jas. Poteat,
Azariah Graves,
Wm. B. Graves,
Jos. Swift,
Wm. Lea.

PROCEEDINGS.

WAUGHTOWN CHURCH, August 8th, 1880.

The Beulah Baptist Association met in its Forty-seventh Annual Session with the Waughtown Baptist church, Forsyth county, N. C.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder T. Harrison, from Amos vi: 1.

In consequence of heavy rains few delegates arrived on Friday, and the organization of the Association was deferred until Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING, August 9th.

The Association was called to order by Elder F. H. Jones, former Moderator.

The roll of the churches was called and the delegates enrolled as follows:

Buchanan—P. D. Weaver.
Beaver Island—Jas. Hall and Jas. A. Vernon.
Beulah—J. C. King.
Clement—C. R. Vernon and F. V. Harris.
Ephesus—Wm. Faulkner and Jas. Arrington.
Elm Grove—E. H. Oakes.
Friendship—Carey Moore and Elias Voss.
Good Will—Emanuel Linville, I. Smith and R. Stanley.
Greensboro—A. E. Kitchen and R. R. Moore.
Kerr's Chapel—By letter.
Leaksville—D. F. King and C. G. Jones, jr.
Madison—By letter.
Milton—J. J Yarboro and J. B. Walters.
Mt. Olive—W. G Slate and Wm. L. Smith.
Oak Ridge—J. M. Martin and T. B. Martin..
Providence—Not represented.
Red Bank—T. J. Valentine, J. B. Johnson and G W. Leak.
Reidsville—Jas. S. Morrison, J. B. Churchill and Jas. Williams.
Sharon—Robert Brown, jr.
Shiloh—G. B. Yarboro, Wm. Yarboro and J. C. Lea.
Summerfield—By letter.
Trinity—Lyttleton Gwyn.
Yanceyville—W. B. Graves and Jas. Poteat.
Winston—A. S. Jones, N. T. Watkins and C. J. Watkins.
Waughtown—D. Clodfelter, W. H. Shepperd and P. E. Leight.
Beck's—W. J. Peace, J. Q. Hutchins and H. R. Barrow.
Westfield—T. L Sarles, J. W. Caudle and M. O. Hill.

The Association by acclamation elected Eld. F. H. Jones Moderator, who, after appropriate remarks, entered upon the duties of his office.

On motion, churches recently constituted were invited to unite with us. Letters were read from Beck's and Westfield, and on motion of Elder W. S. Fontaine, the churches were received and the hand of fellowship extended to the messengers.

An invitation was extended to Corresponding Messengers and visiting brethren. The invitation was accepted by T. H. Pritchard, President of Wake Forest College, H. Hatcher, Associate Editor *Biblical Recorder*, T. Harrison, agent for Foreign Missions, Elds. J. B. Boone and S. F. Conrad, corresponding messengers from the South Yadkin Association, C. C. Haymore and M. Baldwin, from Yadkin Association, E. Dodson, agent for the Home Mission Board, Prof. C. E. Taylor, representative of the Education Board, J. H. Lambeth, corresponding messenger from Central Association, W. S. Watkins, from Blue Ridge Association, Va., and John Teague, from the Liberty Association.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Arrangements—H. A. Brown, T. J. Valentine and Jas. Poteat.
On Finance—T. J. Valentine, Jas. S. Morrison and P. D. Weaver.
On Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of Waughtown Church.

The report of the Committee of Arrangements was read and adopted.

The Association resolved to meet at 8½ A. M., spend half hour in religious exercises, take dinner at 12, and adjourn at will.

Elder H. A. Brown read the report on State Missions.

REPORT.

Your committee would report that missionaries sustained wholly or in part by the Board, have occupied some of the most important points in the State. Four of these brethren have done good work within the bounds of this Association. The Board is in pressing need of funds that they may supply points for which aid can be obtained from no other source. There is no agent now actively employed in the collection of money for this great work, hence the Board is dependent on contributions sent directly from the churches. We would recommend that the churches be requested to send a part of their mission contributions to the Board in Raleigh to be appropriated as their wisdom may suggest.

The Association was addressed by Elds. J. B. Boone, W. S. Fontaine, H. Hatcher, J. B. Richardson, E. Dodson, F.

H. Jones, H. A. Brown, C. E. Taylor, and brethren T. J. Valentine and Jas. S. Morrison.

Elder J. B. Boone made some statements in reference to the work of the Board at Salisbury, and asked the privilege of taking pledges to build a house of worship in that town. Pledges and contributions were made amounting to about $60.00.

Eld. F. H. Jones read the report of the Executive Committee. Remarks were made by Eld. H. A. Brown and J. B. Richardson.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We found some difficulty in getting a conference after our appointment at your last session, but after due consultation with those best acquainted with the needs and prospects of the places calling for assistance, we made the following appropriations through the Board of State Missions, viz: to Elder P. Oliver, preaching monthly at Beck's meeting house, (changed from Pleasant Ridge,) in Forsyth county, $50. His report is encouraging. He has preached thirty sermons, baptized six persons, and with the assistance of Elders H. A. Brown and Robert Gourley, organized a church at Beck's meeting house, with thirteen members. This infant church has a Bible school. He thinks a self-sustaining church can be gathered there in a few years. To Elder R. R. Moore, a supplement to his salary of $25.00 to each of the following places: Summerfield, Buchanan, Oak Ridge, Jamestown, &c., making $100 to Bro. Moore. He reports three Sunday Schools in operation on his field, one baptized, small collections for State Missions at three points, and thinks the outlook favorable. To Elder J. B. Richardson, preaching at Waughtown, a supplement to his salary of $40.00. His field is in a prosperous condition. The church hopes to be self-supporting henceforth. We paid Elder W. S. Fontaine $25 for work at Sharon. He reports 26 sermons preached, 14 exhortations, 1 prayer meeting, 24 families visited, 25 professions of religion, 11 baptized, and $10 raised for Education and Missions, ($5 for each.) The destitution within our bounds is great. Your committee think it is sufficient to engage the time and talent of six efficient ministers. This work ought to be enlarged. We appeal to the brethren for means to do it. We have collected $27 for this work during the year at the Union meetings held in the eastern part of the Association.

F. H. JONES, Chm'n.

On motion, the report on State Missions, including the report of the Executive Committee, was adopted.

Brethren J. B. Richardson, P. Oliver and W. W. Philips, were appointed a committee to nominate an Executive Committee for the ensuing year.

The report on Education was read.

REPORT.

The Board of Education, during the last year, has aided thirteen young ministers at Wake Forest College. Three of these were from our Association, and it gives us pleasure to learn that they were diligent and exemplary in conduct, and give promise of useful labors in the ministry.

The contributions of the churches throughout the State are insufficient for the support of the young ministers already under the patronage of the Board, and applications have been made by seven other young men. These petitions must be refused unless there are immediate and enlarged contributions from the friends of the rising ministry.

The report was discussed by Elders C. E. Taylor, S. F. Conrad, H. A. Brown, and H. Hatcher. A collection was taken for the Board, amounting to $15.81.

The messengers from the churches agreed to try to raise for the next year the following amounts: Winston $35.00, Milton $10.00, Reidsville $20.00, Yanceyville $30.00, Buchanan $3.00, Beaver Island $5.00, Beulah $10.00, Clement $15.00, Ephesus $10.00, Friendship $5.00, Greensboro $10.00, Kerr's Chapel, $10.00, Leaksville $10.00, Mt. Olive $10.00, Oak Ridge $5.00, Red Bank $15.00, Sharon $5.00, Shiloh $11.00, Trinity $10.00, Westfield $10.00, and Becks $10.00.

Elder T. H. Pritchard, President Wake Forest College, then addressed the Association on the subject of general education. The report on Education was adopted.

The committee appointed to nominate an Executive Committee for the ensuing year, recommended the following brethren: F. H. Jones, T. J. Valentine, Jas. Morrison, Azariah Graves, and J. J. Yarboro.

The nominations were confirmed.

Elder J. B. Richardson moved that we hold a night session.

On motion, the subject of Foreign Missions was made a special order for 8 o'clock, P. M.

The Association adjourned. Prayer by Elder W. S. Fontaine.

NIGHT SESSION.

After religious exercises, Bro. J. S. Morrison read the report on Foreign Missions.

REPORT.

Your committee can give but a brief summary of the missions in our foreign fields. The ordained missionary force of the leading denominations of the United States is stated as follows: Methodists 203, Congregationalists 150, Presbyterians 137, Baptists 72, Episcopalians 79. The number of converts at the various stations is given as follows: Methodists 22,430, Congregationalists 14,675, Presbyterians 11,497, Episcopalians 4,499, Baptists 81,638. It will be seen that while the American

Baptists have but 72 laborers to 569 of other denominations, there are 81,638 Baptist converts to 53,101. The above synopsis we take from the *Religious Herald*, with the accompanying remarks: "that if any people ought to give to Foreign Missions it was the Baptists of this country," to which we most heartily respond "amen." But how stands the matter with us? Are we coming up to the measure of obligation we see so positively enjoined upon us? The demands upon our boards are more urgent and the cry comes from all quarters for help. Bro. Yates earnestly desires means to help him in getting out his translation of the New Testament, and if aid is not afforded him (the necessity being so pressing) he will be compelled to dispose of personal effects to raise money for its accomplishment, and also to spread these truths broadcast before the people. The gospel has won glorious triumphs already in China. Is it nothing that hundreds of thousands are throwing away their idols and that multitudes have given evidence of saving faith in the Redeemer? But we must give it a more generous and diligent culture. Our stations must be increased, more missionaries sent forth. With greater patience, stronger faith, more earnest prayer, and with burning zeal must we prosecute this work. The "Macedonian cry" is upon every breeze, more men and more means. Dear brethren, the work that is looming up before us is positively bewildering. May the Lord grant us wisdom and faith adequate for the day and times in which we live. Oh, that we may have the spirit of the sainted Carey when he said: "Attempt great things for the Lord, and expect great things from the Lord."

T. HARRISON,
JAS. MORRISON,
Committee.

The Association was addressed by Elders T. Harrison, T. H. Pritchard and H. Hatcher.

After a collection of $10.50, the report was, on motion, adopted.

SUNDAY.

At 9 o'clock a mass meeting on Sunday Schools was held. Interesting speeches were made by brethren Lambeth, Morrison, Valentine, Haymore and Hatcher.

At 11 o'clock Elder T. H. Pritchard preached from I Corinthians, 15th chapter and 35th verse.

At 2 o'clock Elder J. B. Boone preached from Matthew 22d chapter and 12th verse.

At 8 o'clock Elder F. H. Jones preached from these words, "Ready to forgive."

MONDAY MORNING, August 9th, 1880.

After religious exercises, the Association was called to order.

On motion, the reading of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association was dispensed with.

Elder R. R. Moore read the

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Never, perhaps, in the history of christianity were greater efforts put forth to teach the principles of Divine truth to the young and old than now. And there is no department of christian labor in which all may engage equal to this. Millions of the rising generation are now receiving instruction in Sunday Schools. With the blessings of God, this betokens a rich harvest for God's people. We are glad to know nearly all our churches are now enlisted in this work. We recommend the International lessons as published by Baptist authors to all our churches. And also, a greater effort to bring our entire membership into this great and Christian work.

R. R. MOORE,
J. B. RICHARDSON,
Committee.

The report was discussed by Elders C. E. Taylor, J. M. Williams, H. Hatcher and Bro. Jas. S. Morrison. The Association adopted the report.

The following resolution was, after remarks by Elders Hatcher and Jones, adopted:

Resolved, That this Association, realizing the great importance of religious literature for our people, heartily recommend that the *Biblical Recorder* be introduced into every family within our bounds. The *Foreign Mission Journal* and *Kind Words* should be read that our people may be stimulated in the Sunday School and mission work.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended that a special committee of five might be appointed to prepare for our next Association an obituary notice of the lamented John Kerr, former Moderator of this Association. (Bro. Richardson suggests that the same committee give a notice of Elders John Roberson and Julius Terrell.) Elds. W. S. Fontaine, J. J. James, T. H. Jones, and brethren T. J. Valentine and Jas. S. Morrison were appointed.

Elder M. Baldwin offered the following:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to take into consideration the propriety of establishing a school of high grade within the bounds of this Association, and report at the next meeting.

The resolution was adopted, and Elders M. Baldwin, H.

A. Brown, and brethren W. B. Graves, Azariah Graves and Jas. Poteat were appointed on the committee.

Bro. Valentine read the report on finance. (See Treasurer's Statement.)

The report on Temperance was offered by Bro. T. J. Valentine.

REPORT.

The subject of temperance is one upon which we have a report every meeting of our Association. In these reports the evils of intemperance are depicted in the strongest terms, and all the brethren give their assent. And yet it is a question whether our churches are made the better thereby. Are there fewer drinking members now than formerly? Have our brethren disregarded the oft repeated advice given by the Association not to drink that which will destroy one's reputation for usefulness, and thus bring down the standard of Christian character in all our churches? Your committee cannot say with certainty whether there has been any increase to the number of those who do not drink ardent spirits, but on the contrary, we fear the increase has been in the other direction. Of one thing we are assured, that none of the churches estimate the effect for evil which such a practice has upon those without the church. We would, therefore, renew our advice to the churches not to release efforts in this behalf, but work on until dram-drinking shall not be known among us as a people. We would also recommend to our pastors that they call together their respective charges during the coming December for the purpose of consulting with one another upon the subject of temperance, with a view to the advancement of the cause of Christ.

T. J. VALENTINE.

The Association was addressed by brethren Valentine and Morrison, Elders H. A. Brown, J. B. Boone, S. F. Conrad, F. H. Jones, Robert Gourley and J. H. Caudle.

On motion, the report was adopted.

Corresponding Messengers were appointed.

Yadkin Association—Elders P. Oliver, J. H. Caudle and R. Gourley.

South Yadkin—Elders H. A. Brown, J. B. Richardson, and Bro. C. J. Watkins.

Flat River—Elder J. H. Vernon and Bro. M. Faulkner.

Mt. Zion—Elder J. H. Vernon and Bro. A. B. Walker.

Liberty—Elders J. B. Richardson, H. A. Brown, and Bro. W. H. Shepperd.

Central—Jas. Poteat.

Sandy Creek—Elder R. R. Moore and Bro. P. D. Weaver.

Dan River—J. E. Jordan.

Besides all the ordained ministers of the Association, the following brethren were appointed to attend the Baptist State Convention, to be held in Goldsboro: Jas. Poteat, Thos. Slade, Azariah Graves, E. W. Marshall, T. J. Valentine, J. M. Lindsay, T. B. Lindsay, A. B. Walker, J. M. Martin, J. E. Jordan, J. B. Walters, D. F. King, H. B. Marley, P. D.

Weaver, Dr. C. J. Watkins, W. H. Shepperd, and Robert Brown, jr.

The Presbytery reported that two churches had been constituted during the year. These were the churches received at this session.

On motion, the Association decided to hold its next session with the Ephesus Baptist Church, Person county, N. C., commencing on Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1881. Elder P. H. Fontaine was chosen to preach the introductory sermon, and J. B. Richardson alternate.

The Moderator appointed the following committees to report at our next meeting:

On State Missions—J. B. Richardson and J. M. Martin.
On Education—P. Oliver and T. L. Sarles.
On Periodicals—Jas. S. Morrison and Jas. Poteat.
On Foreign Missions—H. A. Brown and T. J. Valentine.
On Sunday Schools—R. R. Moore and W. W. Phillips.
On Temperance—W. S Fontaine and T. J. Valentine.
On Home Missions—T. Harrison and W. B. Graves.

Elder J. B. Richardson moved that we heartily commend to the churches of this Association our missionary work in California—that we forget not this mission in our contributions. Bro. J. B. Hartwell is now engaged in this important field.

Bro. T. J. Valentine moved that the Treasurer be ordered to forward $50 to the State Mission Board, out of the funds in his hands for missionary operations.

The Treasurer was instructed to forward the moneys in his hands to the respective boards.

Bro. Morrison moved that the Clerk be allowed the usual amount for his services, and be instructed to expend the balance of the Associational fund in printing and distributing the Minutes of the Association.

Elder M. Baldwin offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby tendered to this church and the citizens of Waughtown and vicinity for the kind and bountiful hospitality with which it has been received and entertained. Also to the railroads for the reduction of fare for the benefit of members of this body.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

On motion, the Association adjourned.

An encouraging speech was made by the Moderator, a hymn was sung, prayer was offered, and the brethren departed.

F. H. JONES,
Moderator.

H. A. BROWN,
Clerk.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

Received of Finance Committee:		
For Education,	$159 48	
For State Missions,	287 87	
For Foreign Missions,	45 54	
For Sunday Schools,	16 95	
For Home Missions,	6 35	
For Associational Fund,	44 19	
		$ 560 38
Paid out:		
To Prof. C. E. Taylor,	$152 45	
Sent to Raleigh for Board of Education,	7 03	
To J. B. Richardson for Missionary labor,	40 00	
To R. R. Moore, " " "	75 00	
To P. Oliver " " "	50 00	
To W. S Fontaine, " " "	25 00	
Sent to Raleigh for State Missions,	50 00	
Sent to Sunday School Board, Raleigh,	16 95	
Paid Clerk for services,	15 00	
Paid for Minutes,	29 19	
Sent to Raleigh for Foreign Missions,	45 54	
	$506 16	
In Treasurer's hands for State Missions,	47 87	
In Treasurer's hands for Home Missions,	6 35	
		$ 560 38

REMARKS: 1st. Some of the above amounts for State Missions was in hands of Executive Committee of last year.

2d. The Yanceyville Sunday School and Missionary Society, and the Winston Mission and Aid Society contributed liberally. The amounts are incorporated in the report of churches to which these societies belong.

PASTORS, CLERKS AND POST OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	
Buchanan,	R. R Moore,	P. D. Weaver,	Greensboro,	N. C.
Beav'r Isla'd	J. T. Vernon,	Jas. A. Vernon,	Mayo,	"
Beulah,	F. H. Jones,	J. C. King,	Milton,	"
Clement,	J. H. Vernon,	J. M. Burton,	Long's X Roads,	"
Cool Spring,				
Elm Grove,	J. T. Vernon,	Isaac Oaks,	Summerfield,	"
Ephesus,	John T. Betts,	Jas. A. Green,	Mt. Carmel,	Va.
Friendship,	P. Oliver,	C. J. Carrell,	Quaker Gap,	N. C.
Good Will,	J. T. Vernon,	R. Stanley,	Walkertown,	"
Greensboro,	No pastor,	R. L. Vernon,	Greensboro,	"
Kerrs Chap'l	J H. Vernon,	T. Y. Baynes,	Anderson's Store,	"
Leaksville,	P. H. Fontaine,	C. G. Jones, sr.,	Leaksville,	"
Madison,	No pastor	T. B. Lindsay,	Douglas,	"
Milton,	J. T. Betts,	J. J. Yarboro,	Milton,	"
Mt. Olive,	Rob't Gourley,	Wm. L. Smith,	Quaker Gap,	"
Oak Ridge,	R. R. Moore,	P. D. Watkins,	Watkinsville,	"
Providence,			Germanton,	"
Red Bank,	M. Baldwin,	Z. J. Marshall,		
Reidsville,	P. H. Fontaine,	Jas. S. Morrison,	Reidsville,	"
Sharon,	W. S. Fontaine,	P. D. Simpson,	Wentworth,	"
Shiloh,	F. H. Jones,	C. J. Yarboro,	Milton,	"
Summerfield	R. R. Moore,	J. W. Weschester,	Hillsdale,	"
Trinity,	F. H. Jones,	Thos. Slade,	Lenox Castle,	"
Winston,	H. A. Brown,	I. W. Durham,	Winston,	"
Waughtown	J. B. Richardson,	W. W. Phillips,	Salem,	"
Yanceyville,	F. H. Jones,	Jas. Poteat,	Yanceyville,	"
Beck's,	P. Oliver,	H. R. Barrow,	Sedge Garden,	"
Westfield,	P. Oliver,	J. M. Jessup,	Westfield,	"

Statistical Table of Churches and Sabbath Schools.

Names of Churches.	Church Meetings.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	Expelled.	Restored.	Deceased.	Total.	Name of Sunday School Superintendent.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Classes.	No. Vols. in Library.
Beaver Island,	1st,		1	1	2		2	66	Jas. A. Vernon,	25		
Beck's,	3rd,							13	J. Q Hutchins,	28	2	
Beulah,	3rd,	14	8	2	1			55				
Buchanan,	2nd,	3	1					19	Geo. W. Buchanan,	30		75
Clement,	1st,	4		3			2	65	Jas. M. Burton,	35		
Cool Spring,												
Elm Grove,					1		2	25				
Ephesus,	2nd,	26	1	1				86	S. C. Gentry,	50		
Friendship,	4th,						2	87				
Good Will,	2nd,	1					1	70				
Greensboro,		3	6	2	8		1	80	A. G. Newell,	55		250
Kerr's Chapel,	4th,	1					1	80				
Leaksville,	1st,	7			2		1	128	Thomas G. Taylor,	120	10	
Madison,				1				118				
Milton,	4th,	23	8	3	2			69		40		
Mt. Olive.	2nd,	1		1	3		1	85	Geo. W. Wilson,	38		175
Oak Ridge,	4th,	6						57	D. W. Watkins,			
Providence,												
Red Bank,	3rd,	9		8	2			63	Z J. Marshall,			
Reidsville,	4th,	6		2	3		2	132	Name not given,			
Sharon,	3rd,	11					1	40				
Shiloh,	2nd,	15	4	11	3		1	115		100		
Summerfield,	2nd,	1		2				35				
Trinity,	1st,			4			2	42				
Waughtown,	2nd,	8	3		1		1	61	R. C. Charles,	85		200

Westfield,	2nd,	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	......	...	...	...
Winston...	every,	10	2	4	5	...	1	138	I. W. Durham,...	137	17	200
Yanceyville,	4th,	7	4	9	...	...	...	126	B Lownes,	126	..	......
		156	38	54	33	...	21	1873				

FINANCIAL TABLE, showing amounts contributed during year so far as reported in Letters and gathered from other reliable sources.

Names of Churches.	Pastor's Salary.	Other Church Expenses.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Educa-tion.	Sabbath School purposes.	Associa-tional Fund.
Beaver Island,	$	$	$ 4 00	$	$ 1 70	$ 5 00	$	$ 1 30
Beck's,			2 50	2 10				1 60
Beulah,			15 00	5 85		10 85	1 00	1 35
Buchanan,	60 00		2 00	2 87		3 00	3 00	75
Clement,			10 05	3 35		15 00	17 28	2 00
Cool Spring,								
Elm Grove,								50
Ephesus,			4 00		2 31	10 00		3 00
Friendship,			2 45	2 45	2 45	5 00		1 50
Good Will,	25 00	5 20						85
Greensboro,				37 10	11 73		38 00	2 00
Kerr's Chapel,			12 00	3 45		5 00		2 16

FINANCIAL TABLE---Continued.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Other Church Expenses.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	Sabbath School purposes.	Associational Fund.
Leaksville,	$ 150 00	$	$ 21 00	$ 18 00	$ 2 00	$ 2 50	$ 111 00	$ 2 00
Madison,	......	12 00	......	1 50	6 10	......	......	1 50
Milton,	......	......	7 94	12 89	3 00	10 00	17 71	1 30
Mt. Olive,	......	......	3 60	8 45	2 75	2 75	5 00	2 00
Oak Ridge,	75 00	......	3 44	1 55	1 15	......	......	90
Providence,	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Red Bank,	100 00	......	17 75	1 00	4 37	15 00	......	2 00
Reidsville,	......	......	12 51	6 66	13 10	20 25	......	53
Sharon,	......	......	5 00	......	......	5 85	......	1 50
Shiloh,	150 00	160 00	8 00	6 80	23 56	11 00	6 50	2 48
Summerfield,	......	......	3 90	......	3 85	7 35	......	2 25
Trinity,	......	......	12 85	2 45	......	10 00	1 95	2 40
Waughtown,	110 00	157 25	20 00	......	4 00	......	4 00	1 57
Westfield,	......	......	2 50	2 50	......	......	......	1 50
Winston,	500 00	247 00	33 58	17 48	16 00	35 00	92 93	2 00
Yanceyville,	......	106 00	28 16	22 12	14 50	27 84	30 42	2 75
			$ 251 23	$ 158 57	$ 113 57	$ 201 39	$ 298 79	$ 44 19

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MINISTERS AND TRUSTEES.

Ordained Ministers.

W. S. FONTAINE,	Reidsville,	N. C.
J. J. JAMES,	Yanceyville,	"
ROBERT GOURLEY,	Winston,	"
J. H. CAUDLE,	Quaker Gap,	"
T. H. WALKER,	Pelham,	"
R. R. MOORE,	Greensboro,	"
F. H. JONES,	Yanceyville,	"
P. H. FONTAINE,	Reidsville	"
J. H. VERNON,	Bushy Fork,	"
H. A. BROWN,	Winston,	"
J. T. VERNON,	Madison,	"
J. J. LANSDELL,	Roxboro,	"
W. H. WILSON,	Summerfield,	"

Licentiates.

J. H. LAMBETH,	Wake Forest,	N. C.
EDDIE POTEAT,	Yanceyville,	"
CALVIN JONES, JR.,	Wake Forest,	"

Trustees.

JAMES POTEAT,
AZARIAH GRAVES,
WILLIAM B. GRAVES,
JOSEPH SWIFT,
WILLIAM LEA.

PROCEEDINGS.

EPHESUS, N. C., August 12th, 1881.

The Beulah Baptist Association met in its forty-seventh annual session with the Ephesus Baptist Church, Person County, N. C.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder Amos Weaver from Ephesians 1 : 22, 23.

After recess, the Association met, and devotional exercises were conducted by the Moderator. The Association was then called to order, the roll of the churches called, and names of delegates enrolled as follows:

Buchanan—George K. Briggs, G. W. Buchanan, George W. West.
Beaver Island—J. T. Vernon, J. M. Adkins, M. L. Case.
Beulah—S. S. Lea, J. C. Roberts, J. C. King.
Clement—J. E. Harris, C. R. Vernon, John Mundy.
Ephesus—S. P. Gentry, James A. Green, James Bennet.
Elm Grove—Not represented.
Friendship—Carey Moore, William Baker, S. F. Slate.
Good Will—Emanuel Linville, D. T. Box, R. Stanley.
Greensboro—R. R. Moore, H. B. Marley, W. A. Stowe.
Kerr's Chapel—A. A. Walker, N. B. Sartain, J. H. Hurdle.
Leaksville—D. F. King, Samuel Williams, C. G. Jones, Jr.
Madison—J. M. Lindsay, T. P. Lindsay, J. P. Wall.
Milton—J. J. Yarborough, A. G. Furgason, J. H. Wash.
Mt. Olive—William L. Smith.
Oak Ridge—D. W. Watkins, S. F. Hutchins, J. M. Gatewood.
Providence—G. W. Neal, W. D. Nash, Crawford Sledge.
Red Bank—T. J. Valentine, J. T. Valentine, J. Guthrie.
Reidsville—J. S. Morrison, Jos. Clark, J. B. Churchill.
Sharon—J. S. Crafton, J. R. Smothers, C. W. Woollen.
Shiloh—J. E. Jordan, John B. Yarbro, William Lea, B. Moore.
Summerfield—W. H. Wilson, W. H. Case, J. W. Winchester.
Trinity—A. Graves, L. A. Gwyn, L. A. Neal.
Yanceyville—Wm. G. Graves, E. G. Covington, James Poteat.
Winston—N. T. Watkins, T. K. Glenn, C. G. Strayhorn.
Waughtown—Robert L. Masten, H. W. Hensdale, J. C. Masten.
Westfield—J. H. Caudle, T. L. Sarles, P. Pearce.
Providence—Archibald Haggie, R. H. Robertson.
Becks—No letter.

The Association, by acclamation, elected Elder F. H. Jones, Moderator, who, after appropriate remarks, entered upon the duties of his office.

Rev. H. A. Brown tendered his resignation as Clerk of the Association.

On motion, the resignation was accepted, and Bro. J. S. Morrison was chosen to fill his place.

An invitation was extended to corresponding and visiting Brethren, and was accepted by Bros. Amos Weaver, J. E. Ray, Cor. Sec. State

Mission and Sunday School Boards, and representing also the BIBLICAL RECORDER. Bro. Jos. Lamberth reported from Central Association, Elder J. S. Purefoy, Agent Wake Forest College, Bro. J. N. Edwards, Dan River Association, Professors Charles E. Taylor and L. R. Mills representing Board of Ministerial Education, Prof. Hobgood, Principal Oxford Female Seminary, and Prof. Everett, Principal of Roanoke Female Institute, Danville, Va.

An application for admission into this Association was made by Providence Church, Rockingham county, accompanied by letter of dismission from the Blue Ridge Association, Va. On motion, the church was received, and the hand of fellowship given its delegates by the Moderator.

On motion, the Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Arrangements—Elder H. A. Brown, Azariah Graves.
On Finance—T. J. Valentine, James Poteat and C. R. Vernon.
On Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of Ephesus church.

On motion, the Association proceeded to determine the place for holding the next session of the Association; and appointing persons to preach Introductory sermon. Leaksville was chosen as the place, and Elder J. H. Vernon to preach the sermon and Elder H. A. Brown, Alternate.

On motion, Corresponding Messengers were appointed to sister Associations:

Yadkin.—Elder P. Oliver. T. J. Valentine, H. A. Brown.
Central.—James Poteat, J. H. Vernon.
Liberty.—Elder R. R. Moore, W. W. Philips.
Flat River.—Elder J. H. Vernon, John E. Harris.
Mt. Zion.—J. H. Vernon, A. B. Walker, W. B. Graves.
Sandy Creek.—Elder R. R. Moore.
Roanoke.—Bro. E. G. Covington.
Dan River.—J. J. Yarboro, W. M. Faulkner.

On motion, delegates to the State Convention were appointed.

The Ordained Ministers of the Association and the following brethren were named: E. G. Covington, W. S. Graves, S. S Lea, Jas. Poteat, W. B. Graves, T. J. Valentine, Dr. J. W. Winchester, Jackson Moore, J. M. Martin, Robert Brown, C. J. Watkins, and J. S. Morrison.

Association adjourned. Prayer by Elder Brown.

SATURDAY MORNING, August 13th, 1881.

The Association was called to order by Moderator. Roll of churches called. The minutes of the proceedings of yesterday's session read and approved.

The Constitution and Rules of Decorum read by Elder Brown.

Report of Committee on Arrangements was received and adopted.

The Executive Committee reported through Bro. Valentine. The report was, on motion, received; pending its adoption remarks were made by Bros. Valentine and Elder H. A. Brown. At this point in the discussion of the report, a desire was expressed that the work of the State Mission Board be considered in connection with the report of the Executive Committee; (no report having been prepared by the Committee on State Missions.) Bro. Ray prepared and read a brief synopsis of the work of the State Board, and followed it in a stirring address. After which a collection was taken, amounting to $22.03 in cash, and $3.50 in pledges. The reports were severally adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your committee submit the following report: That through their recommendation the Board of State Missions agreed to supplement the salary of Elder R. R Moore to the amount of $25.00 at Summerfield, $25.00 at Buchanan's, and $25.00 at Oak Ridge. The Board on the above plan, appropriated $50.00 to aid in the support of Elder P. Oliver while preaching at Beck's Meeting House, Forsyth county, and $20.00 to aid the infant church at Sharon in supporting W. H. Wilson, who preaches monthly at that place.

Bro. Moore, in his report, says: "Besides visiting the sick and the bereft, I have prayed with a large number of families, traveled 1250 miles, preached 97 sermons, assisted in 43 prayer meetings, and delivered 12 Sunday School addresses. And besides preaching at Buchanan, Summerfield and Oak Ridge one Saturday and Sunday per month, I have preached occasionally at Danbury, Rison's school house, Shepherd's school house, Sandy Ridge, Hay Fork and Hickory Fork.

Sunday Schools are in successful operation at Buchanan, Summerfield, Oak Ridge, and at Rison's school house. There is a prospect of constituting a church near Hay Fork soon." He reports several other points within the bounds of his field destitute of preaching, and urges that they be occupied.

Bro. Oliver says: "I have baptized two, my congregations are good and attentive, the membership are as regular in their attendance as common for our country churches. They pay their pastor quarterly, and though poor, I think they will average one dollar each to the four objects of the Convention. They have a Sunday School a part of the year."

Bro. Wilson has preached one Saturday and Sunday per month at Sharon since the 1st October, 1880. He reports his congregation large and increasing. A Sunday School is in operation, and at a meeting of days recently conducted at this place, six persons professed faith in Christ, four of whom have been received for baptism.

Your committee find from the reports of our missionaries and from other sources, that there is a great destitution within the limits of our Association.

It is thought, notwithstanding the efforts of our Board to supply this destitution, there are more than fifty thousand persons within the bounds of our Association who do not hear the gospel as preached by Baptists. Brethren, this should not be so. We should work while it is day. We should exert all our energy to have the gospel preached in every neighborhood. This, brethren, your committee believe can be done, if all will do their duty in contributing to the support of the missionary cause.

F. H. JONES, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

There are now twenty-six missionaries laboring under the auspices of the State Mission Board, a larger number than ever before in the history of the Baptist State Convention. These devoted men of God are filling very important fields in almost every part of the State, and the Lord has very greatly blessed their efforts. A number of new churches have been organized, church houses built and hundreds of precious souls led to embrace the religion of Jesus.

The State Board is now greatly embarrassed for want of funds, and they send up an earnest plea for aid from the churches of this Association.

JOHN E. RAY.

The report on Education was prepared and read by Prof. Charles E. Taylor, at request of Moderator.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

It is not necessary to establish the importance or value of an education. This will be admitted by all who have bestowed thought or observation on the subject. But we deem it wise to commend to the patronage of the Association our own Colleges and schools. It is gratifying to know that our College at Wake Forest is in a more prosperous condition and is more largely patronized than ever before. We also have reason to congratulate ourselves on the prosperity and efficiency of our Female Colleges at Oxford and Thomasville. The Education Board has during the last year aided 19 young ministers in obtaining an education. We commend this work to the prayers and beneficence of the churches.

Pending the adoption of this report, earnest and touching addresses were made by Bros. Valentine, Brown, Taylor, Mills and Purefoy. An opportunity was given the brethren to pledge their churches in such sums as they think they can raise in aid of Ministerial Education. They promise to try to raise the following amounts: Beaver Island $5, Beulah $10, Buchanan $3, Clement $10, Ephesus $10, Friendship $5, Goodwill $5, Greensboro $10, Kerr's Chapel $10, Leaksville $10, Madison $10, Milton $10, Oak Ridge $5, Red Bank, $15, Sharon $5, Shiloh $15, Summerfield $5, Trinity $10, Waughtown $4, Yanceyville $30, Reidsville $20, Providence (Rockingham county) $5, Mt. Olive $5, Winston $50. Report adopted.

Bro. Brown tendered the following resolution:

Resolved, That we recommend Bro. Calvin Jones, Jr., to the Educational Board as one worthy of receiving assistance in obtaining an education.

Adopted.

The report on periodicals was read by Bro. J. S. Morrison, and pending motion to adopt, interesting speeches were made by Elder Purefoy, J. J. James, Ray and Lansdell.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee beg to report that it is with pleasure we learn of the continued and increasing prosperity of our State organ. Many reasons might be urged for patronizing and encouraging the extension of this paper. Its tone and standing are high and spiritual; its doctrines are in accord with the principles of Baptist faith as drawn from the Bible. It is a powerful instrumentality in the training of the young of our denomination in the missionary plans and projects of our Convention; its continued existence is essential to the success of all our denominational enterprises, and its aid in spreading a knowledge of the truth cannot be dispensed with nor supplied by any other paper now published. We also call your attention to our Sunday School paper, *Kind Words*, published under the auspices of the Southern Baptist Convention. We consider that in every essential particular it is a genuine Sunday School paper, evangelical in spirit and faithful in its efforts to inculcate Bible truth among our Sunday School children and deserves the fullest confidence of the denomination. The *Home and Foreign Journal*, published in the City of Richmond, is also deserving of our most earnest support.

J. S. MORRISON,
JAMES POTEAT.

Adopted.

The subject of Temperance was called up, and in the absence of a report on the subject, the Moderator allowed a rather informal discussion, participated in by Bros. Valentine, Weaver, Morrison and James. The time having arrived for adjournment, and no conclusion reached as to a proper disposition of the question, it was, on motion, ordered that Bros. H. A. Brown and Azariah Graves prepare and present a resolution to the morning session on Monday.

On motion, the body adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock on Monday.

SUNDAY MORNING, August 14th, 1881.

The day opened up bright, after a shower in the early morn. A large crowd assembled in the church and listened with marked attention to most excellent addresses from Prof. Mills, Joseph Lamberth, J. E. Ray, and Edward Poteat on Sabbath Schools.

Announcement was made that Elder Purefoy would preach at the stand and Prof. Taylor in the house; large and attentive audiences assembled at each place. At the conclusion of each service a collection was taken up, to be devoted equally to State and Foreign Missions. Amount contributed $10.46.

Elders H. A. Brown preached in the afternoon in the house and Elder F. H. Jones at the stand, and we trust that the sweet experiences of the day may not soon be gone from the hearts of God's people assembled there, and that the truth so earnestly preached by his servants will lead many to Christ.

MONDAY MORNING, August 15th, 1881.

After religious exercises the body was called to order, and Bro. Brown, from the committee appointed on the subject of Temperance, reported the following resolution:

Resolved, That we most earnestly recommend all our members to abstain from alcoholic drinks as a beverage and use their influence in discouraging the use of it in others.

After a short address by Bro. Valentine, the resolution was adopted.

Report on Sunday Schools read by Elder R. R. Moore as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday School work of to-day has assumed proportions of great interest. It is not the church or any part of the church. It is the coming together of the aged with the youths and children to learn God's Word, (as it is the duty of all God's children to know the Scriptures). The best way to learn the Bible is to take it as it is and search out its own proofs from the same treasury; therefore we recommend the use of such helps as shall leave the impress of God's Word most vividly upon the mind and heart. Also we recommend that each church send up to the Association an itemized table of the work done by the churches in Sabbath Schools.

Brothers Moore and James made addresses, after which the report was adopted.

Brethren James, Poteat and King were appointed a committee to recommend new Executive Board for current year.

The committee made the following nominations: Elder F. H. Jones, Elder H. A. Brown, James S. Morrison, Azariah Graves and T. J. Valentine.

On motion, the nominations were accepted.

The report on Foreign Missions was read by Elder H. A. Brown as follows:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to submit the following:

The Southern Baptist Convention has missionaries in Africa, China, Brazil, Mexico and Italy. During last year, 22 were baptized in Africa, 72 in China, Brazil and Mexico, and 26 in Italy. In a few places the missionaries have encountered persecutions; but in most places they have not been opposed. Public sentiment among the heathen is said to be steadily gaining in favor of missionary operations, and some high in authority not only practice but encourage those who bring their subjects the glad tidings of the gospel. From almost all the fields the cry comes to us for more men and money to prosecute this work. Brother Yates is getting old and appeals strongly for reinforcements. We should not forget to pray that the Lord of the harvest would send forth more laborers into his harvest. In order that our churches may do more for this object, we would make the following recommendations:

1st. That all our members be requested to take a map, and, like Carey of old, look up those portions of our globe that are in heathen darkness, and then pray for the spirit of missions.

2nd. That as many as possible be urged to read the *Foreign Mission Journal*, and articles on this topic published in other religious journals.

3rd. That female missionary societies be formed when thought advisable and practical.

4th. That our pastors take occasion to give all the information they can on this subject, and secure the co-operation of their people.

After interesting remarks by Brothers James, Brown and Moore, the report was adopted.

The committee raised at last session of the Association, to report upon the resolution of enquiry offered by Elder Baldwin, touching the expediency of establishing a school of high grade within the bounds of this Association, offered no report; but in stead, moved that the question be dropped for the present.

Motion adopted.

The Moderator announced the following committees for the year:

State Missions—P. H. Fontaine, J. M. Martin.
Education—J. H. Vernon, J. M. Lindsay.
Periodicals—T. J. Valentine, J. J. James.
Foreign Missions—H. A. Brown, C. G. Jones, Jr.
Sunday Schools—J. S. Morrison, B. F. King.
Temperance—James Poteat, Azariah Graves.
Home Missions—W. S. Fontaine, J. H. Wilson.

Bro. Valentine offered the following:

That the Committee on Finance be authorized to settle with brethren, who have labored within the bounds of this Association during the past year.

Adopted.

On motion by Bro. Brown,

Ordered, That the Treasurer of the Association be authorized to forward $47.87 to the Board of State Missions, and balance after payment of salaries of brethren employed by Executive Board, be retained in treasury.

Adopted.

On motion, by Bro. Valentine, ordered that the clerk receive the usual sum for his services and that he be required to superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes of the Association.

On motion, by Bro. Brown, ordered that the Treasurer of the Association be instructed to forward the moneys in his hands to the Treasurer of the State Convention.

Bro. Valentine offered the following resolutions, which were adopted by a rising vote of the Association :

1st, That the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby tendered to the brethren of Ephesus church and citizens of neighborhood for their princely hospitality.

2nd, That the pastor of the Ephesus church be requested to announce the same at his next appointment.

3rd. Also that the thanks of this body is due to the railroads for reduction of fare for benefit of members of this body.

On motion, the Association adjourned, after touching words of parting advice by Moderator, singing hymn and prayer, to meet with the church at Leaksville, Rockingham county, Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1882.

JAMES S. MORRISON, *Clerk.*

ELDER F. H. JONES, *Moderator,*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received of Finance Committee—		
For Education	$ 145 64	
For State Missions	177 00	
For Foreign Missions	70 74	
For Sunday Schools	5 15	
For Home Missions	14 23	
Sunday School Fund	43 50	
From former Treasurer	47 87	
		$ 504 13
Disbursed—To Treasurer State Convention—		
For Education	$ 145 64	
For Sunday Schools	5 15	
For Home Missions	14 23	
For Foreign Missions	70 74	
For State Missions	79 87	
To R. R. Moore	75 00	
To P. Oliver	50 00	
To W. H. Wilson	20 00	
To Clerk for services	15 00	
Paid for Minutes	27 00	
		$ 502 63
Balance in Treasurer's hands		$ 1 50

PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLELKS.	POST OFFICES.
Becks	P. Oliver		
Buchanan	R. R. Moore	P. D. Weaver	Greensboro, N. C.
Beaver Isl'd	W. H. Wilson	James A. Vernon	Mayo, “
Beulah	F. H. Jones	J. C. King	Milton, “
Clement	J. H. Vernon	J. M. Bruton	Long's X Roads, “
Elm Grove		Isaac Oaks	Summerfield, “
Ephesus	J. J. James	J. N. Green	Mt Carmel, Va.
Friendship	P. Oliver	C. J. Carrell	Quaker Gap, “
Good Will	J. T. Vernon	R. Stanley	Walkertown, “
Greensboro	No Pastor	R. S. Vernon	Greensboro, “
Kerr's Chap.	J. H. Vernon	T. Y. Baynes	Anderson's Store, “
Leaksville	P. H. Fontaine	C. G. Jones, Sr	Leaksville, “
Madison	W. H. Wilson	T. B. Lindsay	Douglas, “
Milton	J. J. James	J. J. Yarborough	Milton, “
Mt. Olive	Robert Gourley	William L. Smith	Quaker Gap, “
Oak Ridge	R. R. Moore	P. D. Watkins	Watkinsville, “
*Providence.	J. H. Vernon	W. D. Wash	Purley, “
†Providence.	D. G. Taylor	Thomas Price	Leaksville, “
Red Bank	M. Baldwin	Z. J. Marshall	Germantown, “
Reidsville	P. H. Fontaine	Scott Williams	Reidsville, “
Sharon	W. H. Wilson	Robert Brown	Aspen Grove, “
Shiloh	F. H. Jones	C. J. Yarbrough	Milton, “
Summerfield	R. R. Moore	J. W. Winchester	Hillsdale, “
Trinity	F. H. Jones	Thomas Slade	Lennox Castle, “
Winston	H. A. Brown	W. T. Carter	Winston, “
Westfieid	P. Oliver	J. W. Jessup	Westfield, “
Yanceyville.	F. H. Jones	James Poteat	Yanceyville, “
Waughtown	J. B. Richardson	W. W. Phillips	Salem, “

*Caswell county. †Rockingham county.

Statistical Table of Churches and Sabbath Schools.

Names of Churches.	Church Meetings.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	Expelled.	Restored.	Deceased.	Total.	Names of Sunday School Superintendents.	Number Scholars.	Classes.	No. Vols. in Library.
Becks	3rd	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Beaver Island	1st	......	......	......	......	......	......	65	J. A. Vernon	51	......	......
Beulah	3rd	8	2	1	2	......	1	61	J. C. King	......	......	......
Buchanan	2nd	1	......	......	......	......	......	20	......	......	......	......
Clement	1st	3	......	2	1	......	2	63	......	......	......	......
Elm Grove	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......
Ephesus	2nd	......	1	1	1	......	2	93	S. C. Gentry	75	......	......
Friendship	4th	......	......	......	1	......	1	85	......	......	......	......
Good Will	2nd	......	......	......	......	......	1	57	......	......	......	......
Greensboro	......	6	7	5	......	......	1	87	W. A. Stowe	......	......	......
Kerr's Chapel	......	4	......	......	2	......	1	81	......	......	......	......
Leaksville	1st	7	......	2	2	1	1	136	Dr. Thomas G. Taylor	......	......	......
Madison	4th	......	7	......	6	......	1	30	......	......	......	......
Milton	1st	......	......	......	......	......	......	59	......	30	......	......
Mt. Olive	1st	4	......	......	2	......	......	90	G. W. Wilson	46	......	175
Oak Ridge	4th	5	1	......	1	......	2	60	D. W. Watkins	40	6	......
Providence, Rockingham county	2nd	1	no e	......	1	......	......	76	S. W. Carter	70	6	75
Providence, Caswell county	2nd	......	......	......	......	......	......	44	......	......	......	......
Red Bank	3rd	6	2	......	......	......	1	71	......	......	......	......
Reidsville	4th	5	3	4	1	......	2	132	J. S. Morrison	60	......	......
Sharon	2nd	......	......	1	2	......	1	38	......	......	......	......
Shiloh	......	1	......	1	2	......	1	128	......	......	......	......
Summerfield	1st	......	......	1	......	......	......	32	......	......	......	......
Trinity	1st	5	......	......	......	......	......	47	......	......	......	......
Waughtown	2nd	......	......	......	5	......	......	56	......	78	6	200
Winston—Monday night after 1st Sun	day	4	2	2	5	......	2	135	J. W. Durham	144	......	188
Westfield	......	4	......	......	......	......	......	22	J. M. Jessup	80	6	......
Yanceyville	4th	2	4	......	1	......	......	133	B. Lownes	56	......	225

AMOUNTS REPORTED FOR ALL PURPOSES,

As Gleaned from Letters, and other sources for past Year.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Expenses.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	Sabbath School purposes.	Associational Fund.
Beulah,*	....	$ 6 00	$ 12 30	$ 7 10	....	$ 8 35	$ 8 05	$ 1 50
Beaver Island,	....	....	2 50	....	....	5 00	....	1 00
Buchanan,	....	....	....	....	....	1 50	....	75
Clement,	....	....	....	2 50	....	5 00	5 00	2 00
Ephesus,	....	....	5 78	5 78	$ 5 00	....	....	....
Elm Grove,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Friendship,	....	....	3 50	4 05	2 50	5 05	....	1 05
Good Will	$ 25 00	27 97	50	....	7 50	....	....	70
Greensboro,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1 50
Kerr's Chapel,	....	....	....	....	5 25	5 25	....	2 00
Becks,	....	....	3 25	2 25	1 50	6 60	....	90
Leaksville,	....	....	11 35	2 00	23 80	10 65	....	3 00
Madison,	....	....	5 50	79	....	....	....	1 50
Milton,	....	....	15 78	7 89	....	7 89	....	1 50
Mt. Olive,	....	....	50	1 75	1 00	10 15	1 00	1 00
Oak Ridge,	75 00	....	....	76	76	2 64	....	1 10
Providence, Caswell county,	....	....	....	....	2 50	1 00	....	50
Providence, Roc'ham "	65 00	10 00	3 00	....	....	....	....	2 00
Red Bank,	....	....	18 00	6 25	....	15 00	....	2 00
Reidsville,	80 00	....	5 00	3 00	19 57	17 00	10 00	1 75
Sharon,	....	....	4 50	....	....	5 00	....	50
Shiloh,	....	80 00	8 38	....	....	15 00	1 80	2 75
Summerfield,	....	....	3 00	....	....	....	....	1 10
Trinity,	....	....	10 00	2 50	....	10 00	....	2 50
Waughtown†,	150 00	17 50	9 44	12 50	4 72	4 72	10 00	1 40
Westfield,	....	....	3 50	2 00	75	10 00	....	1 50
Winston,	500 00	400 00	30 36	13 39	....	35 00	33 00	2 00
Yanceyville,	....	43 15	20 35	18 00	15 19	26 18	34 39	3 00
	$895 00	$584 62	$176 49	$92 51	$90 04	$206 98	$103 24	$40 50

*Contributed $13 00 to the Orphan Asylum.

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Wm. B. Royall, Professor of Greek.
L. R. Mills, Professor of Mathematics.
C. E. Taylor, Professor of Latin.
W. L. Poteat, Assistant Professor of Natural Science.
C. W. Scarborough, Tutor.

Fall Term begins Sept. 1. Spring Term begins Jan. 15.

Expenses.

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Contingent Deposit,		2 00
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Beck's	P. Oliver	J. Q. Hutchins	Dalton's, N. C.
Beaver Island	W. H. Wilson	James A. Vernon	Mayo, N. C.
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PROCEEDINGS.

LEAKSVILLE, N. C., Friday, Aug. 11th, 1882.

The Beulah Baptist Association met in its forty-eighth annual session with the Leaksville Baptist church, Rockingham county, N. C.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. H. A. Brown from 2nd Sam'l 5 : 21.

After an intermission of one hour, the Association met in regular session. Devotional exercises were engaged in for a short time, after which Bro. F. H. Jones, former Moderator, called the body to order. The roll of the churches was called, the letters from the churches read, and names of messengers enrolled as follows:

BEAVER ISLAND—Rufus Suttenfield and J. A. Vernon.
BUCHANAN—Neither letter nor messenger.
BEULAH—J. C. King, J. H. Willis and J. E. Talley.
CLEMENT—Letter.
EPHESUS—J. A. Green, Wm. M. Faulker and S. P. Gentry.
ELM GROVE—No Letter or Messenger.
FRIENDSHIP—C. J. Carroll, Cary Moore and Wm. H. Smith.
GOOD WILL—James Linville, Emanuel Linville and R. Stanley.
GREENSBORO—A. G. Newell, P. D. Weaver and W. A. Stowe.
KERR'S CHAPEL—M. R. Sarten, B. F. Hurdle and W. A. Walker.
LEAKSVILLE—W. M. Settle, Scott Irvin and Josiah Newman.
MADISON—John Wilson, T. B. Lindsay and J. M. Lindsay.
MILTON—J. B. Walters.
MT. OLIVE—John M. Gibson and W. S. Smith.
OAK RIDGE—A. B. Steele, J. M. Smith and P. S. Doyle.
PROVIDENCE (Rockingham county)—P. P. Wilson, R. H. Roberson and Jas. Morgan.
PROVIDENCE (Caswell county)—James Johns, James Nash and Silas Ware.
RED BANK—M. J. Crews, T. J. Valentine and J. T. Valentine.
REIDSVILLE—J. S. Morrison, David Moore and James Clark.
SHARON—J. S. Crafton, John Laster and J. P. Smothers.
SHILOH—W. G. Graves, Wm. Lea and Peter Powell.
SUMMERFIELD—J. M. Burton and J. W. Winchester.
TRINITY—Azariah Graves, L. A. Gwyn and Thomas Slade.
YANCEYVILLE—James Poteat, E. G. Covington and J. M. Poteat.
WINSTON—J. R. Pearce, C. J. Watkins and W. T. Carter.
WAUGHTOWN—J. H. Masten, W. W. Phillips and W. L. Sink.
WESTFIELD—T. L. Sarles, J. E. Simmons and M. O. Hill.
BECK'S—Neither letter nor messenger.

The Association by acclamation re-elected Bro. F. H. Jones, Moderator, who at once entered upon the duties of his office.

On motion, an invitation was now given for visiting brethren and correspondents to sit with us, and was accepted by Bro. R. T. Hamner, of Liberty Association, Bro. Amos Weaver, of Raleigh Association, Prof. Taylor of Wake Forest College, Bro. C. S. Farriss, of the *Biblical Recorder*, Bro. Jos. Lamberth, of the Central Association, Bro. R. D. Haymore, of the Roanoke Association of Virginia, Bro. R. R. Taylor, of the Blue Ridge Association of Virginia, Bros. Daniel Taylor and J. T. Everett, principal of Roanoke Female College.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

ON ARRANGEMENTS—Azariah Graves, H. A. Brown and J. S. Morrison.
ON FINANCE—T. B. Lindsay, W. A. Stowe and W. H. Wilson.
ON RELIGIOUS EXERCISES—P. H. Fontaine and deacons of Leaksville church.

On motion, the Association proceeded to determine the place for its next meeting. The Kerr's Chapel church, having sent a request that the next session of the Association be held with them, it was agreed that their petition be granted.

Bro. Fontaine moved that the time of holding the next meeting of the Association be changed, so that they meet one day sooner, that is, commencing on Thursday before, and continuing over 2nd Sabbath in August, 1883.

After quite an animated discussion, the question was put, and the motion to change lost.

Bro. E. F. Baldwin, of Greensboro, was appointed to preach the opening sermon, and Bro. B. H. Phillips, alternate.

Correspondents to sister Associations called upon to rereport. Bro. H. A. Brown attended the Yadkin and gave an encouraging account of their work. Bro. R. R. Moore attended the Liberty and Sandy Creek Associations and was very kindly received.

On motion, delegates to the State Convention were appointed, viz: All the ordained Ministers of the Association and the following brethren: W. A. Stowe, C. G. Jones, Sr., T. J. Valentine, Azariah Graves, E. G. Covington, Dr. J. W. Winchester, J. M. Lindsay, D. F. King, W. B. Graves, Wm. Lea, J. C. King and J. S. Morrison.

On motion, correspondents to sister Associations were appointed:

YADKIN—P. Oliver and T. J. Sarles.
CENTRAL—C. G. Jones, Jr.
LIBERTY—Dr. C. J. Watkins, T. J. Valentine and N. T. Watkins.
FLAT RIVER—J. H. Vernon.
MT. ZION—J. H. Vernon and Jos. Hurdle.

SANDY CREEK—R. R. Moore.
ROANOKE—J. M. Lindsay.
DAN RIVER—J. C. King, W. B. Graves and J. J. James.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

SATURDAY, Aug. 12th, 1882.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment; half an hour devoted to religious exercises, after which the business of the Association was taken up. The minutes of the proceedings of yesterday's session read and approved.

The Rules of Order read by Bro. H. A. Brown.

Bro. Fontaine moved that the Committee on Order of Business be authorized to allow Bro. R. T. Hamner an opportunity to make a statement concerning the Lexington Baptist church and take a collection in aid of the same. Agreed to.

Bros. Hamner and Richardson gave some facts as to the pressing needs of the church in building them a house of worship. A collection was taken amounting to $10.25 in cash and $23.50 in pledges.

The Committee on Order of Business made the following report:

1st. Report on State Missions.
2nd. Report of Executive Committee.
3rd. Report on Education.
4th. Report on Periodicals.
5th. Report on Sabbath Schools.
6th. Report on Temperance.
7th. Report on Foreign Missions.
8th. Report on Domestic and Indian Missions.
9th. Miscellaneous business.

Adopted.

The report on State Missions was read by Bro. Fontaine giving the following facts:

At present 38 ministers are laboring as missionaries under the supervision of the Baptist State Mission Board.

The liabilities of the Board are at least one thousand dollars greater than those of any previous year. $800 dollars are needed at once to pay the third quarter of the missionaries. Last year $2,372.90 passed through the hands of the Treasurer of the Baptist State Convention for State Missions. A much larger amount was raised and expended by the Associational Boards. As there is no tabulated report of the labors of the missionaries in the minutes of the State Convention, we are unable to state definitely the result of their work; but enough is known to show that their labors have been greatly blessed, and we have abundant reason for striving to enlarge our work in this direction.

P. H. FONTAINE,
J. M. MARTIN,
Committee.

On motion, the report of the Executive Board was read and considered along with that on State Missions. The report states:

That through their recommendation the Board of State Missions agreed to supplement the salary of Elder R. R. Moore to the amount of $25 at Summerfield, and of Elder P. Oliver to the amount of $50 at Beck's meeting-house. The Board also agreed to appropriate $25 to aid in the support of Elder Daniel Taylor while preaching at Rison's school house, Stokes county, and $400 to Elder B. H. Phillips for all his time as missionary for Caswell and Person counties, his year beginning January 1st, 1882.

Bro. Oliver in his report says: "I have preached 26 sermons at Beck's meeting-house, have made 27 religious visits and the congregations are good. We have an interesting Sabbath School, numbering 35 scholars, and a library of 95 volumes. We use the lesson helps, take six copies of the *Recorder* and have arranged to protract the August meeting. Regret that I cannot report many additions to the church during the year. I am preaching regularly at Danbury. Have good congregations for the place. The Sabbath School there is on the union plan, there being but four Baptists in the place. The population is small and mostly under the influence of Pedo Baptists."

Bro. Phillips says: "I have preached 72 times, held several prayer-meetings, made a number of religious visits and made several Sunday School talks. Organized one Sunday School, held two protracted meetings, one at Providence church resulting in the conversion of 17 souls, the other at Leesburg without any conversions, but hope good was accomplished. Upon the whole the field is encouraging. The destitution is great; the people are anxions to hear preaching and with the great command before us we ought to keep a man in the field who can give his whole time to the work. We ought by all means to have churches in the neighborhood of Leesburg and Blackwell's School House." He also says: "I suggest that the Board supply their missionaries with a small fund with which to purchase tracts teaching our doctrines, Sunday School literature, &c., that he may thoroughly organize his work. Literature is being scattered in the field which teaches erroneous views of the Baptists, of the Bible and of true christianity, and we must do something of the kind to counteract this influence." He has baptized eleven persons on his field.

Bro. Moore says: "I have preached 20 sermons at Summerfield; congregations good on Sunday, only moderate on Saturday. Good Sunday School in progress. Thee additions by letter. I have preached some at out stations. There are some good indications on the fleld."

Your committee have had applications for aid at six other destitute points this year, but were unable to furnish help for want of means. It is the opinion of your committee that not more than half the people within the bounds of the Beulah Association hear the gospel as preached by Baptists; and yet the last command of Christ, "Preach the Gospel to every creature," is continually pressing itself upon us. God is giving us ministers and if the twenty-nine churches within our limits will furnish the means for their support, all this vast field may be supplied with efficient laborers. Brethren, we are fully able, let us go up and possess the field.

F. H. JONES,
Chairman Committee.

Pending the adoption of these reports, very interesting addresses were delivered by brethren Taylor, Everett, James, Valentine and Jones; after which an opportunity was given the delegates to pledge their churches in aid of this cause, for the ensuing year, viz: Beaver Island $10, Beulah $50, Ephesus $50, Friendship $10, Good Will $5, Greensboro $25, Leaksville $50, Madison $15, Milton $25, Mount Olive $10, Oak Ridge $10, Providence, Caswell county, $15, Providence, Rockingham county, $10, Redbank --, Reidsville $30, Shiloh $50, Summerfield $6, Trinity $25, Yanceyville $50, Winston $75, Waughtown $15, Sharon --, Kerr's Chapel --, P. Oliver $5.

Reports severally adopted. Recess for an hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Moderator appointed a committee consisting of Elder J. J. James, Elder P. H. Fontaine and Bro. W. G. Graves to nominate a new Executive Board.

The report on Ministerial Education was prepared by Prof. Taylor, in the absence of committee appointed to report on this subject.

REPORT.

It is with gratitude to God that your committee are able to report that more interest is now taken in all branches of education than at any previous time and that there are more children and youth in our schools and colleges than ever before. Our own college at Wake Forest is in a prosperous condition. Ten young men graduated at the last commencement, and have gone forth to their work for God and the world. The prospects for the coming session are unusually encouraging. Belonging, as it does, to the Baptists of North Carolina the college should have the prayers, the sympathy and the labors of every member of our churches. Ample provision has been made for the education of our daughters in the colleges at Murfreesboro, Oxford, Thomasville and Shelby in our own State, as well as at the Roanoke College in Danville. All these colleges are cordially commended to the patronage of our people. The Education Board has been compelled to do a larger work during the year than during its whole history. This Board is organized in accordance with the Constitution of the Baptist State Convention. It is required to give aid for the education of promising and poor young ministers who have been called of God and are approved by their churches. The Board seeks to exercise great caution in extending this aid and it is believed it is given to few unworthy objects. They seek honestly and efficiently to discharge the duties put upon them. For the coming session eighteen young ministers have already been received and four others have been invited to appear before the Board in September. During the last session three young ministers of the Beulah Association were aided by the Board. Two have been received for the next year. At the last meeting of this body the delegates pledged to try to raise $267 for the current year. This pledge has been entirely redeemed. Every church letter except two report contributions to this work. Your committee recommend this work to the continued beneficence of the churches.

CHAS. E. TAYLOR,
For Committee.

The adoption of the report was urged in earnest remarks by Prof. Poteat, Everett, Taylor and Dr. Goodwin, after which the churches were pledged by their messengers in the following sums: Buchanan --, Beaver Island $5, Beulah $15, Ephesus --, Friendship $5, Good Will --, Greensboro $25, Kerr's $10, Leaksville $25, Madison --, Milton --, Mount Olive --, Oak Ridge $5, Providence, Caswell county, $5, Providence, Rockingham county, $10, Redbank $15, Sharon --, Reidsville $25, Shiloh $30, Summerfield $5, Trinity $10, Yanceyville $30, Winston $50, Waughtown $10.

Report adopted.

The committee to nominate a new board recommended the following: F. H. Jones, H. A. Brown, T. J. Valentine, J. S. Morrison and W. G. Graves. Adopted.

Adjourned to Monday morning, 9 o'clock.

SUNDAY.

At an early hour a large and attentive audience assembled at the Baptist church and were addressed by brethren Poteat, Lindsay, Stowe and C. E. Taylor in behalf of the Sunday School work. Exercises of the same character were held in each of the other churches at which interesting addresses were made. The pulpits of each of the churches were kindly tendered and occupied. At the Baptist church at 11 o'clock, service by Dr. Goodwin of Danville, at night preaching by Elder F. H. Jones; in the Methodist church in the morning Elder R. D. Haymore preached, at night sermon by Bro. Calvin Jones, Jr.; in the Episcopal church sermon by Prof. C. E. Taylor, at night sermon by Dr. Goodwin; in the Presbyterian church sermon by Elder Farriss.

After the sermon in the Baptist church at night Bro. Jones presented the claims of the State Mission Board and a collection was taken amounting to $10.78.

An evening service was held at 2 o'clock in the Baptist church and addresses upon the subject of Temperance were delivered by Bros. Everett, Poteat, James, Farriss and Fontaine.

The services of the day will be long remembered, and we can but hope the earnest presentation of the truth will be blessed to the honor of the Master in the salvation of souls.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

MONDAY, Aug. 13th, 1882.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment and a short time was spent in devotional exercises.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

The Report on Periodicals was read by Bro. James, and pending its adoption, Bro. Farriss, of the *Recorder*, presented the claims of his paper, and was followed in earnest speeches by Bros. Weaver, W. G. Graves, Daniel, Taylor and Jones.

RELIGIOUS PERIODICALS.

Your committee would urge the more extended circulation of the *Biblical Recorder* among the churches of this body. It is worth more than its cost to any and all the families connected with our churches in our State. Without its influence no pastor can be really successful in his efforts to build up intelligent, pious and active churches. It is a sound Baptist paper and worthy of a much larger circulation than it now has.

We also recommend the *Foreign Mission Journal*, published at Richmond, Va., and for Sunday Schools *Kind Words* and the *Young Reaper*.

J. J. JAMES,
T. J. VALENTINE,
Committee.

Report adopted.

The Sunday School report was read by J. S. Morrison.

REPORT.

Your committee upon Sabbath School work, in submitting their report, note with pleasure the measure of success that has crowned the efforts of friends to awaken an interest and secure the more general co-operation of our brethren in this department of Christian labor.

We feel that we are warranted in expressing the hope that an impetus has been given the Sabbath School work in our State that will lead to most happy and lasting results. Thoughtful men among us have long felt that our great need is a deeper and truer cultivation of our people to the importance, yea, more, the absolute necessity of individual consecration and unceasing prayer and toil for the young people and children of our congregations. The Christians of the present generation are to decide the moral and religious character of the next. What a vast responsibility is upon us! How shall we meet it? If we would "go up and possess the land," we must go with holy zeal, with our whole being, body and spirit, set apart for real and honest service. We need fewer Christians who luxuriate in good meetings and who never work unless in a happy state of mind, and more who are ready to engage in sunshine and in storm, with a will in the tug and toil of consecrated labor.

We have ever looked upon the Sunday School enterprise as strictly the work of the church and would hail it as a happy omen, calling for devout thankfulness to God when our brethren become assured of this truth and act as they should in view of it. Suffer us to suggest for your consideration a view of this subject, which we think fraught with much good if earnestly engaged in. It is that our brethren, every Sabbath morning, with their families, go to the house of God, or wherever the school may meet, earnestly devote the hour to the duties and labors of the school; when the allotted time for this service is over, then, in the old apostolic style, engage in singing psalms and spiritual songs and exhortations as long as proper; and we verily believe a new era of Gospel blessing will dawn upon our churches.

It is impossible for your committee to give statistics as to the work in our churches, only 10 churches reporting schools and many of those no data beyond the fact of having schools. Your committee would earnestly recommend to the churches the propriety of sending in their letters, accurate number of scholars, conversions in school and such other facts as may be interesting.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. Morrison,
D. F. King,
Committee.

The Report on Foreign Missions was read by Bro. H. A. Brown.

REPORT.

The Southern Baptist Convention has missionaries in China, Africa, Italy, South America and Mexico.

These missionaries have baptized during the year about 130 converts and made good collections on their fields for the spread of the gospel. Seven missionaries have been recently appointed and sent out by the Board to reinforce those who are now in the Foreign fields. Other applications for appointments have been made but the means in hand do not justify the Board in taking the action just now. New church houses have been erected at considerable expense and there is great need of others at several of our mission stations. It will be seen in view of these facts that increased contributions for the churches will be a necessity.

Your committee would make the following recommendations:

1st. Let all the pastors inform their people in reference to the condition of the heathen, the needs of the field and the importance of frequent giving to this cause.

2nd. Let the *Foreign Mission Journal* be widely circulated, missionary Societies formed and prayer for missions be constantly offered.

3rd. Let every church resolve that contributions, however small, shall be sent up to our next Association for this object.

H. A. Brown,
C. G. Jones, Jr.,
Committee.

Earnest addresses were made by brethren Brown, James, F. H. Jones, Stowe and Lindsay.

Report adopted.

The Presbytery reported through Bro. P. H. Fontaine the ordination of Bro. B. H. Phillips to the work of the ministry at the Baptist church in Reidsville.

Bro. F. H. Jones reported the organization of a Baptist church at Roxboro, Person county, N. C.

The committee on Obituaries reported through Bro. F. H. Jones.

A motion was made to append these notices to the minutes of the Association; after remarks by brethren James, Jones and Lindsay, the motion was adopted.

Recess for an hour.

EVENING SESSION.

Moderator called the Association to order and after prayer by Bro. R. R. Moore business was resumed.

The Moderator made the following appointments as committees for ensuing year:

EDUCATION—B. H. Phillips and Azariah Graves.
PERIODICALS—W. G. Graves and J. P. Poteat.
FOREIGN MISSIONS—E. F. Baldwin and W. A. Stowe.
TEMPERANCE—J. S. Morrison and Thomas Slade.
HOME MISSIONS—J. W. Winchester and J. H. Wilson.
SUNDAY SCHOOLS—R. W. Crews and T. J. Valentine.

Bro. H. A. Brown moved the reconsideration of the question relative to the time of holding the next meeting of this Association.

The motion to reconsider adopted.

On motion of Elder P. H. Fontaine, the time of holding the next meeting of the Association begin Thursday before the 2nd Sunday in August, 1883, and continue over that day or longer if necessary.

Adopted.

Bro. James offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The distance between the eastern and western boundaries of this Association is more than one hundred miles, and

WHEREAS, Many brethren near each border find it very inconvenient to attend when the body meets in the opposite section; therefore,

Resolved, That the question of dividing this Association into two bodies be referred to the respective churches for their consideration between this and the next meeting of this body and report their action in their next letters to this body.

Adopted.

On motion of Bro. T. B. Lindsay, the surplus funds, if any, in the hands of the Treasurer after paying our own missionaries be sent to the Treasurer of the State Convention.

Adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Bro. T. B. Lindsay, and adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be and are hereby tendered to the citizens of Leaksville and vicinity for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained us during the session of this body. Also to the Methodist, Episcopal and Presbyterian brethren for the use of their houses of worship during our meeting. Also to the Railroad Companies for reduced rates of fare, and that a copy of these resolutions be furnished the pastor of each church to be read at their next church meeting.

Ordered, that the Clerk have 500 or more copies of these minutes printed and distributed to the churches, and if more is needed than the amount sent up for this purpose (in consequence of the additional obituary notices) he pay the same and be reimbursed when funds shall come into his hands for this object. Ordered, that he have the usual sum for his services.

On motion, the Association adjourned.

The closing exercises were particularly touching but rendered more deeply and sadly so by the farewell address of Bro. P. H. Fontaine who had been connected with the Association for quite a number of years and also pastor of the Leaksville church for a considerable time. The silent, flowing tear evinced how deeply all hearts were moved at the separation.

Thus closed one of the most delightful meetings this body has ever held, and will meet with the Kerr's Chapel church, Caswell county, beginning Thursday before the 2nd Sunday in August, 1883.

F. H. JONES, MODERATOR.

JAS. S. MORRISON, Clerk.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand		$ 72
Received of Finance Committee for Education		108 73
" " " " " State Missions		168 32
" " " " " Foreign Missions		66 67
" " " " " Sunday Schools		5 00
" " " " " Home Missions		7 00
" " " " " Associational Fund		45 70
		$402 14
Paid to Treasurer State Convention for Education	$110 58	
" " " " " Foreign Missions	66 67	
" " " " " Domestic Missions	7 00	
" " " " " Sunday Schools	5 00	
" R. R. Moore for missionary work	25 00	
" Bro. D. G. Taylor for missionary work	12 50	
" Bro. P. Oliver for missionary work	45 00	
" Clerk for services	15 00	
" for Minutes	28 00	
" for postage and freight	75=	$315 50
		$ 86 64

OBITUARIES.

JOHN KERR.

Judge John Kerr, LL. D., distinguished as a jurist, orator, statesman, and above all as a devout Christian, was born in Pittsylvania county, Va., February 10, 1811, and was the son of the Rev. John Kerr, the most eloquent preacher of the gospel who has yet appeared in North Carolina or Virginia. Mr. Kerr was educated in Richmond, Va.; was the first law student of the late Chief Justice Pearson, and settled in Caswell, N. C., his father's native county, at the age of twenty-one, and was baptized in 1832 into the fellowship of the Yanceyville Baptist church by the Rev. J. J. James. Mr. Kerr was a decided Baptist and was called on by his brethren to fill many important positions. He was a trustee of Wake Forest College, vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention, president of the Baptist State Conventions for many sessions, and frequently moderator of the Beulah Association. He represented his county in the State Legislature; was in the Congress of the United States in 1852–'53 and again in 1858–'59; was Judge of the Superior Court during the war, and was again elected judge by the people in 1874 for eight years. He was the orator of the Mecklenburg Centennial celebrated May 25th, 1875. He was also a trustee of the State University, president of the North Carolina Historical Society at the time of his death, and received the title of LL. D. from both Trinity College and the State University.

When a young Christian his faith and zeal were so great that many predicted that he would follow his father into the pulpit, but worldly ambition tempted him into politics. God, however, was gracious to him, and restored his first love, and for many years before his death he became eminent for his godliness. He loved the society of Christ's children, and while he was attending to his judicial duties it was a common thing for this magnificently endowed man to forsake the fashionable circles, which eagerly courted his society, and find his chief delight in some humble prayer-meeting.

He was never ordained as a preacher, but no Sabbath was permitted to pass, no matter where he was, without his bearing witness to the love of Jesus, and his exhortations were all the more forcible because of his position on the bench.

He died Sept. 5, 1879, at his home in Reidsville, N. C., after a protracted illness.

F. H. Jones,
Committee.

ELDER JOHN ROBERTSON.

The subject of this notice was born in Rockingham county, N. C., 1804. He was about thirty years old when he became a subject of God's saving grace, and was baptized into the Baptist faith in Tennessee. He was thirty-five years old when ordained to the ministry. He was a Missionary for the Beulah Association several years after his ordination, then moved to Tennessee and preached as pastor of churches seven years in that State. Returning to North Carolina he was pastor of Leaksville, Madison, Hogan's Creek and Elm Grove churches, in Rockingham county, several years. After resigning his pastorate in Rockingham, he was pastor of churches in Stokes, Davidson, Forsyth and Surry counties, North Carolina, and traveled and preached extensively in Patrick, Henry and Pittsylvania counties, Virginia. He also traveled as missionary in Wilkes, Iredell, Yadkin and Stokes counties, making his trips on horseback or in buggy. His education was limited, but he was a man of strong natural mind and gifted in public speaking. He was a strong debater, "mighty in the Scriptures," a good preacher, and quite successful in conducting protracted meetings. During his ministry he baptized about one thousand persons, In 1861, he suffered severely from indigestion, and in 1862 his brain became somewhat involved so as to disqualify him from preaching. It was then thought he would only live a short while, but strange to say he lived in this enfeebled state of body and mind nearly eighteen years. He died at his home, near Mt. Airy, Surry county, N. C., April 22, 1880. May the God of all grace raise up and qualify other brethren to take his place in the ministry.

F. H. Jones,
Committee.

ELDER JULIUS TERRILL.

Julius Terrill was born in Halifax county, Va. He only went to school nine months, but he read a great deal, and being a man of strong natural mind he acquired a great deal of general information, and was interesting and instructive as a preacher. He professed faith in Christ in the year 1823, was baptized into the fellowship of the Kentuck Baptist church in August of the same year, and was licensed to preach towards the close of the same year. He moved to Stokes county, N. C., in 1827, and joined the State Line church. He was ordained by a presbytery of the Mayho Baptist Association. He traveled and preached in Mayho, New River, Pig River and other Associations. He was a member of the church before the Baptists of this country divided. Some of the brethren declared non-fellowship with those who favored missions. Brother Terrill favored missions and on this account they withdrew fellowship from him. He, however, continued to preach in school-houses and under shade trees until 1844, when Elder E. Dodson visited him and informed him he could be received at Madison. Soon thereafter, to the great joy of his heart, he became a member of the Baptist church in Madison, which also favored missions. For more than thirty years he sent a contribution annually to the Board of Missions, and observed the first day af January as a day of fasting and prayer for the spread of the gospel and the spiritual good of the human race. For twenty-five years preceding his death he was deaf and spoke very indistinctly. This militated against his efficiency as a preacher. He, however, never lost his zeal for Christ and for souls. Even dreamed about our missionaries in China. On one occasion he preached on the pinnacle of Pilot Mountain, in Surry county, N. C., to twenty-one hearers. According to his life journal, he had constant communion with Christ for two years immediately preceding his death. This man of God fell asleep in Jesus at his home, in Stokes county, N. C., A. D. 1880. "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his."

F. H. Jones,
Committee.

Statistical Table of Churches and Sunday Schools.

Names of Churches.	Church Meetings.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	Expelled.	Restored.	Deceased.	Total.	Superintendent of Sunday Schools.	Number Scholars.	Classes.	S. School Expenses.
Beck's	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Beaver Island	4th	15	4	2	1	....	....	77	J. A. Vernon	50	....	....
Beulah	3rd	17	1	1	2	2	....	77	J. C. King	21	....	....
Clement	1st	....	....	3	2	....	1	57	....	....	....	....
Ephesus	2nd	...	....	4	2	....	2	70	S. P. Gentry	50	....	$25 00
Friendship	4th	....	....	....	....	....	2	81	....	....	....	....
Good Will	2nd	3	....	1	....	....	1	59	....	....	....	....
Greensboro	1st	10	12	9	1	....	2	99	W. A. Stowe	110	8	....
Kerr's Chapel	4th	3	....	....	....	....	1	81	....	....	....	....
Leaksville	1st	13	4	2	2	....	4	156	Dr. Thomas G. Taylor	....	....	....
Madison	1st	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Milton	1st	....	....	1	....	....	1	76	....	....	....	....
Mt. Olive	1st	10	...	3	2	1	....	100	John M. Gibson	....	....	....
Oak Ridge	4th	7	....	....	...	....	....	67	P. D. Watkins	40	....	....
Providence, Caswell county	....	6	1	2	3	....	....	44	....	....	....	....
Providence, Rockingham county	4th	3	....	8	3	....	....	71	....	....	....	....
Red Bank	3rd	1	2	....	....	....	1	70	....	....	....	....
Reidsville	4th	13	9	2	....	....	3	151	A. J. Smith	45	....	....
Sharon	2nd	7	....	....	3	....	....	42	....	....	....	....
Shiloh	2nd	2	5	....	3	....	....	137	....	....	....	....
Summerfield	1st	....	3	1	2	....	2	31	....	....	....	....
Trinity	1st	....	....	....	....	....	....	48	....	....	....	....
Waughtown	2nd	2	2	3	1	....	1	55	....	....	....	....
Winston—Monday night after first Sun	day	9	16	7	2	1	3	143	....	....	....	....
Westfield	1st	2	....	....	....	....	....	22	J. M. Jessup	55	3	....
Yanceyville	4th	2	2	7	....	....	4	117	B. Lownes	37	7	13 50

AMOUNTS REPORTED FOR ALL PURPOSES.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Expenses.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Education.	S. School Purposes.	Association Fund.	Financial Work of Churches.	Total.
Beck's	$	$	$ 3 25	$ 1 75	$ 2 00	$ 1 75	$	$ 55	$	$ 9 30
Beulah			45 75	4 75		26 00	5 39	1 40		83 29
Beaver Island			4 66			5 00		50		10 16
Clement						6 85		1 50		8 35
Ephesus			31 75			7 05		3 00		41 80
Friendship			2 25	2 30	1 25	5 00		1 10		11 90
Good Will						1 00		60		1 60
Greensboro	525 00	130 00	20 00	40 00		25 00	60 00	3 00		803 00
Kerr's Chapel			21 00	1 00		10 00		1 90		33 90
Leaksville			20 00	16 50		20 00		3 00		59 50
Madison			6 53	1 00				1 50		9 03
Milton			13 13	7 68		7 68		1 75		30 24
Mt. Olive			3 00	3 00	3 00	11 00	2 00	2 00		24 00
Oak Ridge	75 00					2 70		1 20		78 90
Providence, Caswell county				6 00				1 00		7 00
Providence, Rockingham county			4 50	2 50	50	5 00		2 00		14 50
Red Bank			17 00			15 00		2 25		34 25
Reidsville			20 00	8 60		20 00	15 00	3 00		66 60
Sharon			4 00			5 00		80		9 80
Shiloh			61 25	3 05	4 00	20 00	2 07	2 50		92 87
Summerfield			3 00	2 00		5 00		1 40		11 40
Trinity			15 90	2 17		10 00	1 95	1 75		31 77
Waughtown	125 00	34 30	13 18	24 60	12 65	10 00	10 00	3 00	28 00	260 73
Westfield			2 25		2 10	2 25		50		7 10
Winston	633 00		50 00	15 00	6 00	61 00		2 50	556 94	1329 44
Yanceyville—(To Oxford Asylum, $5)			57 60	21 00		32 00	4 33	3 00	92 09	209 92
	$1358 00	$164 30	$420 00	$162 90	$31 50	$314 28	$100 74	$43 70	$677 03	$3272 45

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Pastors, Clerks, and their Post-Offices.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICES.
Beck's	P. Oliver	H. R. Barrow	Sedge Garden, N. C.
Beaver Island	W. H. Wilson.	J. A. Vernon	Mayo, N. C.
Beulah	F. H. Jones	M. King	Hamer, N. C.
Buchanan	R. R. Moore	M. Whittington	Greensboro, N. C.
Clement	J. H. Vernon	J. B. Pleasant	Roxboro, N. C.
Ephesus	F. H. Jones	J. S. Williams	Woodburn, N. C.
Friendship	R. W. Crews	T. M. Baker	Wilson's Store,N.C
Goodwill	J. T. Vernon	R. Stanley	Walkertown, N. C.
Greensboro	E. F. Baldwin	R. L. Vernon	Greensboro, N. C.
Ray Fork	R. W. Crews	D. R. Webster.	Madison, N. C.
Kerr's Chapel	J. H. Vernon	T. Y. Baynes	Anderson's Store.
Leaksville	R. D. Haymore.	C. G. Jones	Leaksville, N. C.
Madison	W. H. Wilson	T. B. Lindsay	Douglas, N. C.
Milton	B. H. Phillips	J. J. Yarborough	Milton, N. C.
Mt. Olive	R. W. Crews	W. L. Smith	Quaker Gap, N. C.
Oak Ridge	R. W. Crews	P. D. Watkins.	Watkinsville, N. C.
*Providence	B. H. Phillips	F. M. Sledge	Purley, N. C.
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Red Bank	W. H. Wilson	Z. J. Marshall	Germanton, N. C.
Reidsville	B. H. Phillips	Scott Williams.	Reidsville, N. C.
Sharon	W. H. Wilson	Robert Brown	Aspen Grove, N. C.
Shiloh	F. H. Jones	C. J. Yarborough	Milton, N. C.
Summerfield	R. R. Moore	J. W. Wichester.	Hillsdale, N. C.
Trinity	No Pastor	Thomas Slade	Lenox Castle, N. C.
Winston	H. A. Brown	C. G. Strayhorn	Winston, N. C.
Westfield	P. Oliver	J. M. Jessup	Westfield, N. C.
Waughtown	J. B. Richardson	W. W. Phillips.	Salem, N. C.
Yanceyville	F. H. Jones	James Poteat	Yanceyville, N. C.

*Caswell county. †Rockingham county.

PROCEEDINGS.

KERR'S CHAPEL, N. C., August 9th, 1883.

The Beulah Baptist Association convened to-day in its annual session with the Kerr's Chapel church.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. B. H. Phillips, from Numbers 13th chapter, 30th verse. A recess was taken for one hour.

Association reassembled in the house, and a short time devoted to religious exercises. After which Bro. F. H. Jones, former Moderator, called the Association to order. Letters called for and read from the churches, from which we make up the following table:

Becks--Letter, no delegate.
Beaver Island—J. Adkins.
Beulah—S. S. Lea, M. King.
Buchanan—M. S. Whittington.
Clement—J. E. Harris.
Ephesus—S. P. Gentry, W. M. Faulkner, J. W. Thorm.
Elm Grove—Neither letter nor delegate.
Friendship—J. C. Moore.
Goodwill—
Greensboro—A. G. Newell, P. D. Weaver, W. A. Stowe.
Ray Fork—Letter.
Kerr's Chapel—A. B. Walker, T. Y. Baynes. S. P. Pool.
Madison—Letter.
Leaksville—D. F. King, C. G. Jones, Sr., J. W. Hundley.
Milton—J. J. Yarbrough, J. B. Walters, Jr.
Mt. Olive—Wm. J. Johnson.
Oak Ridge—Letter, no delegate.
Providence (Rockingham county)—James Price.
Providence (Caswell county)—Geo. Marshall, S. T. Ware, J. A. Johns.
Red Bank—J. T. Valentine, T. J. Valentine.
Reidsville—J. S. Morrison, D. M. Moore, A. J. Smith.
Sharon—Letter, no delegate.
Summerfield—J. M. Burton, Dr. J. W. Winchester, Chas. Burton.
Shiloh—W. B. Graves, W. H. Kersey, W. R. Bryant.
Trinity—Azariah Graves, Thos. Slade.
Winston—Letter, no delegate.
Westfield—Letter, no delegate.
Yanceyville—E. G. Covington, J. L. C. Kerr, B. S. Graves.
Waughtown—W. H. Sheppard, E. E. Phillips, W. W. Phillips.

The Association by acclamation re-elected Bro. F. H. Jones, Moderator, who at once proceeded upon the duties of his office.

Visiting brethren and correspondents invited to seats. Eld. J. J. Lansdall, of Flat River Association, Eld. Thompson, from Lexington church, Liberty Association, Eld. Canick, from Greenville church, Tar River Association, Prof. Royal, of Wake Forrest College, Eld. C. S. Farriss, of the "Biblical Recorder," J. E. Ray, corresponding secretary of State Foreign Missions, and Sabbath School boards, Bros. Lamberth and Poteat, from Central Association, and Bros. J. C. Moore, N. W. Robinson, and R. A. Moore, from Mt. Zion Association, took seats with us.

On motion, ordered that the Moderator appoint Standing Committees. The following brethren were appointed:

On Arrangements—H. A. Brown, B. H. Phillips, and J. S. Morrison.

On Finance—W. A. Stowe, T. J. Valentine, and J. M. Benton.

On Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of Kerr's Chapel church, and Eld. F. H. Jones.

Committee to nominate a new Executive Board—Dr. Winchester, Thos. Slade, and W. H. Wilson.

On motion, ordered that a committee on time and place for holding the next meeting of this body be appointed. W. B. Graves, E. G. Covington, and J. W. Winchester, that committee.

Eld. Crews presented a petition on behalf of Ray Fork church, in Stokes county, asking for admission into this Association. On motion to receive said church and pending its adoption, a substitute was offered to refer the application to a committee, to report during session of this body. The motion to substitute was lost. The original motion was then adopted.

The Association adjourned until to-morrow at 9½ o'clock.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

Half an hour devoted to religious exercises; after which the Moderator called the Association to order.

The committee to nominate a new Board suggested the names of the following brethren: F. H. Jones, D. F. King, H. A. Brown, T. J. Valentine, and W. G. Graves. Report adopted.

Eld. Phillips, from Committee on Education, read the report, which is as follows:

We note with pleasure the growing interest among our people in general education. The public schools are beginning to exercise a good influence, and are becoming a great factor in stirring up enthusiasm on the subject of education, as well as contributing largely to the satisfying of the demand. High schools and Academies are springing up all over our land, and are constantly growing in popular favor, while our colleges, male and female, are much better patronized than formerly. A brighter era is dawning on our State. Let us, as Baptists, hail this light with joy, and speed its progress. The stigma of ignorance, so long our reproach, is being taken away; and the time has come for us to be Baptists without asking any one's permission, and for educating our children in our own schools.

And we earnestly insist that our girls are to be educated, whether our boys are or not. And we cordially recommend to all having daughters to educate, the Colleges at Oxford, Thomasville, Murfreesboro, and Shelby, in our own State, and the Roanoke, at Danville, Va., as worthy of their patronage. For our boys we have Wake Forest, so dear to all her children, and should be near to the heart of every Baptist of North Carolina. And we would especially call the attention of this body to the fact that Wake Forest is OUR college, and offers the very best opportunities for the education of all young men. But especially ought we to be interested in those who are to go out into the world to preach the Gospel. We need more educated and consecrated ministers, and many whom God has called are trying thus to prepare themselves for more efficient labor, and are financially unable to prosecute their studies. Through the Board of Education, God offers us an opportunity to help them, and thus honor Him. During the past year at Wake Forest, there were forty-one young ministers in attendance, thirty of whom were aided by this Board, and others desire aid. Let us, for the sake of these struggling young men, for the sake of the cause of our Master, and for the sake of our own spiritual development, aid them with our prayers and our means.

Respectfully submitted,
B. H. PHILLIPS,
Chairman of Committee.

Pending the motion to adopt, Bro. Valentine moved to strike out the clause of the report referring to the stigma of ignorance which may in time past have attached to the denomination. The motion to strike out was lost. Addresses were made by Prof. Royal, Lansdall, James, Brown, and Thompson.

(who was Chairman of that Committee,) read the report. These reports are given in order, as follows:

STATE MISSIONS.

We have now 54 missionaries laboring under the supervision of the Baptist State Mission Board. Fifteen hundred dollars are needed at once to pay the third quarter salaries of the missionaries. Last year $3,270 passed through the hands of the Treasurer of the State Convention for State Missions. We have to raise more than $2,500 before the meeting of the Convention in November next.

There are between fifteen and twenty churches being built under the auspices of the State Board. Protracted meetings have been held at several of the Mission Stations which has resulted in much good. The labors of the missionaries have been blessed over our entire field. Brethren, "forasmuch as we know that our labors are not in vain," let us renew our energies and press forward to do greater things for the Master. We congratulate the churches upon their increased interest in this work, as manifested by their increased contributions this year for State Missions.

J. W. WINCHESTER, } Committee.
W. H. WILSON, }

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We submit the following report: That through our recommendation the Board of State Missions agreed to appropriate $80 to Elder R. W. Crews, to preach at Steel's School-house and other points in Stokes county; $40 to Eld. W. H. Wilson to preach at Sharon and its surroundings; $100 to Eld. F. H. Jones, to preach at James' School-house and another point near Covington's Store, in Caswell county; and $200 to supplement the salary of Eld. B. H. Phillips at Providence and Blackwell's School-house, in Caswell county, and other points in Rockingham county. The above appointments were made for the Associational year. Your Committee have also agreed to appropriate $100 to Eld. E. M. Poteat for all his time from the middle of May, 1883, to the 1st of October of the same year. His field is Caswell and Person counties.

Eld. Crews, in his report, says: "I entered the field in November, have preached for the most part at Steel's School-house and Ray Fork Meeting-house; have preached 22 sermons, held 7 prayer-meetings, made 34 visits, and 4 Sabbath-school addresses. Organized one Sabbath-school, numbering forty scholars, held one protracted meeting, in which 5 professed faith in Christ, baptized 7 persons, and raised in cash $10.68. We have repaired the meeting-house and seats at Ray Fork and have bought and paid for one acre of land."

Eld. Wilson says: "I have preached 40 sermons, held one protracted meeting in which there were 12 conversions, baptized 9 persons, made 40 pastoral visits, held 5 prayer-meetings, made 3 Sunday-school talks, collected for Associational purposes $12, collected for my support $37. Our congregations at Sharon are so large that we will be compelled to build a larger house. We need some help at Sharon next year; after that we hope to walk alone. There is a vast amount of missionary work that needs to be done all through this section."

Eld. Jones says: "I have preached 20 sermons on the mission field, held one protracted meeting in which 8 persons professed faith in Christ, received two for baptism, raised in subscriptions $680 to build a meeting-house at James' School-house, delivered one Sunday-school lecture, and made 22 religious visits; collected a large congregation at Ragsdale's School-house, Person county, at which point one prominent citizen has asked me to baptize him."

Bro. Poteat says: "I have preached 20 sermons, made 13 religious visits, made 7 prayer-meeting talks, organized one Bible-class, and aided in one protracted meeting, in which there were 8 conversions."

Bro. Phillips says: "I have preached 84 sermons, held several prayer-meetings, made several Sunday-school talks, organized 3 Sunday-schools, and made a great many religious visits. I have preached at six out stations—Leesburg, James' School-house, Blackwell's School-house, and Gatewood's School-house in Caswell, and Moore's School-house and Wentworth, in Rockingham; also Providence church in Caswell county. I have held one protracted meeting at Providence, resulting in 2 conversions; also a protracted meeting at Moore's School-house, resulting in 18 conversions. The prospects are hopeful. The people seem anxious to hear the Gospel."

The above appointments covered the conditional pledges made at last Association. Your Committee, therefore, did not feel authorized to make further appropriations. The Board of State Missions, however, has supplemented the salary of the Pastor at Greensboro, Eld. E. F. Baldwin. He reports the following as the result of his labors in that city for the past year:

"I have preached 93 sermons, held 78 prayer-meetings, made 228 religious visits, received by letter 14, baptized 20, and 80 have professed conversion."

Bro. Dan'l. G. Taylor has done some mission work at Rierson's School-house, Stokes county. He says: "I have recently baptized three promising young persons, and the outlook at Rierson's is very promising."

Your Committee have ascertained that there is a vast deal of unoccupied territory within the bounds of Beulah Association. This destitution is sufficient to employ all the time of six efficient ministers.

There are about two thousand professed disciples in our Association. If we, in our contributions to State Missions, will average $1.25 per member, we will raise an amount sufficient to support the number of ministers mentioned above, and thus the whole field will be occupied. Some could give not more than a nickel; others could and ought to give between five cents and twenty-five dollars, according to their several abilities. Brethren, will we not do this for Jesus? He has given His life for us. God has saved us that we may, with His blessing, save others. Yes! "He laid down his life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren." 1st. John, 3d chap., 16th verse.

F. H. JONES,
H. A. BROWN,
T. J. VALENTINE,
W. G. GRAVES,
JAS. S. MORRISON,
Committee.

Pending the adoption of these reports, remarks were made by Brethren Canick, Ray, Thompson, and Jones. An opportunity was given to ascertain the amounts the delegates present thought could be raised, with an earnest effort in their churches, the ensuing year:

Buchanan, $3; Beaver Island, $12; Beulah, $50; Clement, $10; Ephesus, $20; Friendship, $10; Greensboro, $30; Kerr's Chapel, $10; Leaksville, $55; Madison, $15; Milton, $20; Mt. Olive, 10; Oak Ridge, $10; Providence, Caswell county, $15; Providence, Rockingham county, $10; Reidsville, $40; Red Bank, $20; Shiloh, $50; Summerfield, $6; Sharon, $8; Trinity, $15; Yanceyville, $50; Winston, $70; Westfield, ——; Waughtown, (what she can); Ray Fork, $5. Total, $544.

The reports were severally adopted. Recess for an hour.

EVENING SESSION.

The Association resumed business. Prayer by Bro. James.

Bro. Stowe, from Committee on Foreign Missions, read their report, which is as follows:

In this department of Christian labor God has signally blessed the efforts of His people to spread abroad the knowledge of the name of Jesus. The doors of heathen nations are being opened to the Gospel of our Lord, and it becomes us as good stewards of our Master to consider well the plans that are adopted and the means used to forward the cause of Christ in foreign lands. The Southern Baptist Convention has missionaries in China, Africa, South America, Italy, and Mexico. In China we have six principal missionaries and twenty-six assistants. They baptized 43 the past year and reported 541 communicants. The Mission in Italy is prospering, and we now have

Baptist churches in a number of important cities. There were 126 baptized the past year, and there is now a church membership of near 800. In Mexico our cause is being pushed forward with great interest and success by brethren Flournoy and Powell. In Brazil brethren Bagby and Taylor are standing up for Jesus almost alone, but God is smiling upon their labors and giving them trophies of victory. Bro. David and his untiring and self-sacrificing helpers are extending their work in Africa, planting the standard of the Cross in new and important points.

The contributions to Foreign Missions last year in this State was $4,500; this year the Foreign Board of our Convention earnestly asks for $8,000, of which amount $250 is assigned to Beulah Association. In view of the great work that is to be done in our Foreign field, and the grand opportunities that are before us, we would recommend that we assume the quota assigned to this Association, of $250; and that every Pastor within the bounds of the Association present the claims of this Board at least once within the Associational year, and take up a collection which shall be applied to meet this apportionment of $250.

We recommend that the "Foreign Mission Journal" be widely circulated, and that missionary societies be formed in every church within our bounds.

W. A. STOWE,
Chairman of Committee.

Upon the motion to adopt, Bros. Thompson, Brown, Phillips, Ray, James, and Farriss made stirring speeches. Report adopted.

On motion, ordered that all monies sent up to this meeting, after paying the salaries of our own missionaries, be paid to Bro. Ray, to be paid to Treasurer of State Board at Raleigh, N. C.

Committee on time and place for holding the next meeting of this body reported through Bro. W. G. Graves. Time, Thursday before the 2d Sabbath in August, 1884. Place, Red Bank, N. C. Introductory Sermon by Eld. R. W. Crews; C. G. Jones, Alternate.

Bro. Burton, of Summerfield church, moved to strike out Red Bank as the place and substitute Summerfield instead. The vote being taken upon the motion to strike out, it was sustained. The report as amended was adopted.

Bro. Thos. Slade, from Committee on Temperance, read the following as their report:

Your Committee on Temperance respectfully submit, that the spirit of Christianity is a sufficient guide in this matter, and that its obligations are a sufficient pledge to the Christian. Therefore we would simply insist that as lovers of the Master's cause and of humanity, we do all in our power, in a prudent way, for the suppression of this evil of intemperance.

THOS. SLADE,
Chairman of Committee.

Pending motion to adopt, remarks were made by Bros. James, Valentine, and Thompson. Report adopted.

The Moderator appointed the following as Committees for the ensuing year:

EDUCATION—Eld. J. H. Vernon and W. G. Graves.
PERIODICALS—Eld. W. H. Wilson and B. S. Graves.
STATE MISSIONS—Eld. H. A. Brown and R. W. Crews.
FOREIGN MISSIONS—Eld. B. H. Phillips and J. H. Caudle.
HOME MISSIONS—E. F. Baldwin and C. G. Jones, Sr.
SUNDAY-SCHOOLS—W. A. Stowe and W. H. Sheppard.

Bro. James offered the following resolution, viz:

That we, the ministers and messengers of Beulah Association, recognize the great importance of the work of the Domestic and Indian Mission Board in the Southern States, and recommend that the Pastors be requested to bring the objects of this Board before their churches, and take a collection in each of them for the same.

Upon the motion to adopt, Bro. Ray gave the Association some profitable suggestions. Resolution adopted.

The Commitee to report "Standing Order of Business," presented through Bro. Stowe the following rules:

FIRST DAY.

Call Roll of Churches; Reading of Church Letters; Election of Officers; Invitation to Visiting Brethren to seats; Appointment of Committee—on Finance; on Religious Exercises; on Time and Place of holding next Association; Committee to nominate new Executive Board; Appointment of Delegates to State Convention.

SECOND DAY.

Reports on State Missions, Education, Periodicals, and Temperance.

THIRD DAY.

Reports on Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Sunday-schools, Obituaries, and Finance; Report on Time, Place and Preacher for next meeting; Report of Special Committees; Appointment of Committees—On State Missions, Education, Periodicals, Temperance, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, and Sunday-schools; Miscellaneous Business disposed of.

W. A. STOWE,
B. H. PHILLIPS,
H. A. BROWN,
} Committee.

Adopted.

On motion of Eld. B. H. Phillips, it was ordered that a fund be raised, of not less than $25, to be used in purchasing religious literature, and placed in the hands of our missionaries, to be sold where it can be done, and given to such as are not able to buy, yet desiring such reading matter. A collection was taken up for this object, and $10.70 secured in cash, and $3 in pledges.

On motion, delegates to the Baptist State Convention were appointed: The ordained ministers of the Association, also brethren D. F. King, W. B. Graves, S. S. Lea, Dr. J. W. Winchester, T. J. Valentine, Azariah Graves, E. G. Covington, Jas. Poteat, and brethren from any of the churches who may attend will be recognized as delegates.

Bro. Vernon offered the followed resolution, which was, on motion, adopted:

That this Moderator appoint a Historical Committee to report upon the work of the founders of this Association at the next meeting of this body.

Committee: J. J. James, J. H. Vernon, T. J. Valentine, A. Graves, Bro. Hodnett, and J. J. Yarbrough.

On motion, an opportunity was granted Eld. Gower, of the Graham church, of Mt. Zion Association, to present the claims of his church and take a collection in aid of the same. A contribution was made amounting to $25 in cash.

A resolution of thanks was then passed, as follows:

That the thanks of the Beulah Association be, and are hereby tendered to the Kerr's Chapel Church and friends for their kind hospitality to us during its session.

On motion, it was ordered that the Clerk have printed and distributed the usual number of Minutes to the churches, and receive $15 for his services.

On motion, the Association adjourned, to meet with the Summerfield Church, in Guilford county, beginning Thursday before the 2d Sabbath in August, 1884. Thus closed a most harmonious, and, we trust, profitable meeting of this body.

F. H. JONES, Moderator.

J. S. Morrison, Clerk.

Statistical Table of Churches and Sabbath-Schools.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Saturday and Sunday.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Dismiss'd by Letter	Expelled.	Restored.	Deceased.	Total.	Superintendents of Sabbath Schools.	Scholars.	No. Vols. in Library
Becks..................	3d	1	...	....	....	....	....	16	J. Q. Hutchins,		
Beaver Island.......	4th	2	...	5	....	....	1	71	J. A. Vernon,	78	
Beulah	3d	9	1	5	1	....	1	82	T. S. Lea.	33	
Buchanan	2d	...	5	....	....	....	....	23	W.S.Whittington	23	
Clement..............	1st	....	...	1	2	....	2	46			
Elm Grove..........	......	....	....	....	....	....	. ..	......			
Ephesus..............	1st	2	2	2	2	....	3	90	S. P. Gentry,	78	
Friendship...........	4th	6	...	....	....	....	....	82			
Goodwill.............	2d	...	...	5	....	....	2	52			
Greensboro..........	......	20	10	1	....	1	1	128	W. A. Stowe,	115	
Kerr's Chapel.......	4th	...	...	....	....	1	1	80			
Leaksville............	......	6	4	1	2	....	1	162	Dr. T. G. Taylor,		
Madison..............	1st	3	1	19	....	2	2	50			
Milton................	1st	1	2	3	....	....	....	66			
Mt. Olive.............	1st	2	....	....	....	1	1	101	W. S. Smith,	64	
Oak Ridge...........	2d	9	1	....	1	....	....	74	J. M. Martin,	42	
*Providence.........	4th	7	4	1	4	....	1	50		10	
†Providence	2d	...	...	1	....	....	1	69			
Red Bank............	3d	2	2	4	....	1	...	68			
Reidsville............	2d	16	14	4	....	....	3	167	A. J. Smith.	85	
Sharon	2d	9	....	....	....	....	1	50			
Shiloh	2d	1	2	2	3	....	....	141	W. H. Kersey,	87	
Summerfield.........	1st	....	....	....	....	....	1	29	W. H. Case,	90	
Trinity	1st	...	....	....	....	....	2	45			
Winston—Monday night after 1st Sun	day.	11	5	10	2	1	1	145	A. J. Hunt,		
Westfield	1st	2	....	....	....	....	....	26	J. M. Jessup,	34	
Waughtown	2d	7	3	2	....	4	1	67	W. W. Phillips.	100	
Yanceyville..........	4th	5	1	1	1	....	....	124	B. Lownes,	30	
Ray Fork............	......	7	....	....	....	....	....	18		40	

Aggregate, 2,126

*Caswell county. †Rockingham county.

MINISTERS AND TRUSTEES.

ORDAINED MINISTERS:

J. J. JAMES,	Yanceyville, N. C.
F. H. JONES,	“ “ “
ROBERT GOURLEY.	Winston, N. C.
J. H. CAUDLE,	Quaker Gap, N. C.
J. J. LANSDELL,	Roxboro, N. C.
J. H. VERNON,	“ “ “
R. R. MOORE,	Greensboro, N. C.
E. F. BALDWIN,	“ “ “
H. A. BROWN,	Winston, N. C.
J. T. VERNON,	Madison, N. C.
W. H. WILSON,	Summerfield, N. C.
B. H. PHILLIPS,	Reidsville, N. C.

LICENTIATES:

J. H. LAMBERTH,	Louisville, Ky.
E. M. POTEAT,	“ “
CALVIN JONES,	“ “
Bro. HAND.	

TRUSTEES:

JAMES POTEAT.
AZARIAH GRAVES.
WM. B. GRAVES.
JOSEPH SWIFT.
WILLIAM LEA.

Statement of Funds Reported through Letters for All Purposes.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	State Missions	Education.	Foreign Missions	Home Miss'ns	Sunday Schools	Pastors' Salary.	Church Expense	Other Objects.	Total.
Becks,	$........	$ 1 50	$ 1 50	$ 1 50	$ 1 75	$........	$	$	$	$ 6 25
Beaver Island,	95	10 00	....	....	......	....		38 00		48 95
Beulah,	1 40	41 55	15 00	2 85	......	2 20				63 00
Buchanan,	75	....	3 00	....	......	....				3 75
Clement,	1 60	5 00	8 00	5 00	4 25	....				23 85
Ephesus,	3 00	42 40	1 00	1 00	.....	....				47 40
Friendship,	65	4 00	10 00	5 30	3 85	....				23 80
Goodwill,	50	2 60	....	....	......	....				3 10
Greensboro,	2 50	30 00	15 00	17 39	10 00	86 00	700 00	148 48		1,009 37
Ray Fork,	....	8 15	....	....	......	....				8 15
Kerr's Chapel,	1 65	4 00	10 00	....	.....	....				15 65
Leaksville,	....	50 00	46 50	20 00	......	....				116 50
Madison,	1 50	11 65	5 00	5 27	.....	....				23 42
Milton,	1 50	26 00	....	7 25	......	....			10 60	45 35
Mt. Olive,	80	7 00	10 00	75	75	....				19 30
Oak Ridge,	....	7 28	5 00	....	......	....				12 28
Providence, Caswell. Co.	75	8 35	5 00	....	......	....	71 25		13 25	101 60
Providence, Rock. Co.,	1 15	10 00	10 00	....	25	....				21 40
Red Bank,	2 25	20 93	10 00	3 00	......	....				36 15
Reidsville,	3 00	32 37	20 00	8 13	......	45 00	300 00	275 00		689 00
Sharon,	1 00	5 00	3 00	3 00	.....	....				12 00
Shiloh,	3 00	58 30	19 00	8 50	5 00	20 91			3 35	118 06
Summerfield,	1 50	6 00	5 00	2 00	.....	....				14 50
Trinity,	1 80	15 00	10 00	1 00	.....	....				
Waughtown,	1 45	19 18	10 00	33 87	......	....	150 00	15 00	35 00	264 50
Westfield,	....	2 25	2 50	2 00	1 25	5 00				13 00
Winston,	2 50	75 00	50 00	15 00	......	....	650 00	84 12	130 00	1,006 62
Yanceyville,	3 50	68 42	35 41	24 20	9 39	15 97		234 07	7 50	401 53
	$38 46	$581 71	$317 91	$168 01	$36 49	$175 08	$2874 25	$781 67	$199 70	$4.136 83

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand at date,	$ 11 74
Received of Finance Committee for printing Minutes, &c.,	38 46
" " " " " State Missions,	504 35
" " " " " Ministerial Education,	157 96
" " " " " Foreign Missions,	75 62
" " " " " Home Missions,	6 10
" " " " " Sunday Schools,	2 95
" " " " " Tracts, &c.,	9 70
	$806 88

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DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid J. E. Ray for Treasurer State Convention:		
For Education,	$157 96	
" Foreign Missions,	75 62	
" Domestic and Indian Missions,	6 10	
" Sunday Schools,	2 95	
" State Missions,	89 35	
" State Missions for 1882,	11 74	
" For Tracts, &c.,	9 70	
Paid to Eld. F. H. Jones for missionary work,	100 00	
" " E. M. Poteat, for missionary work,	100 00	
" " B. H. Phillips, for missionary work,	70 00	
" " W. H. Wilson, for missionary work,	40 00	
" " R. W. Crews, for missionary work,	80 00	
" " D. G. Taylor, for missionary work,	25 00	
" for printing Minutes,	23 46	
" for Clerk's fee,	15 00	
" for Postage,	1 00	$809 38
Balance due Treasurer,		$2 50

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LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Names.	*Post Offices.*	
BROWN, H. A.	Winston,	N. C.
CAUDLE, J. H.	Quaker Gap,	“
CREWS, R. W.	Germantown,	“
GOURLEY, ROBERT	Winston,	“
JAMES, J. J.	Yanceyville,	“
JONES, C. G., JR.	Yanceyville,	“
JONES, F. H.	Yanceyville,	“
MOORE, R. R.	Greensboro,	“
OLIVER, P.	~~Little Yadkin~~,	“
PHILLIPS, B. H.	Reidsville,	“
RICHARDSON, J. B.	High Point,	“
VERNON, J. H.	Roxboro,	“
VERNON, J. T.	Madison,	“
WILSON, W. H.	Madison,	“
WHITE, J. L.	Winston,	“
CONRAD, S. F.	Lewisville,	“

Licentiate.

J. W. LYNCH	Leaksville,	N. C.

PROCEEEINGS.

FIRST DAY.

Summerfield, N. C., Aug. 7th, 1884.

According to adjournment, the Beulah Association met in its annual session with the Summerfield church to-day. At 11 a. m. the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder R. W. Crews from Exodus 14: 15—"Go forward."

After a recess of one hour, the former Moderator, Elder F. H. Jones, called the Association to order, and after reading the 12th chapter of Romans the audience was led in prayer by Elder H. A. Brown, of Winston.

Then the roll of churches was called, which responded as follows:

Beck's—Y. S. Lawrence, E. S. Krause, J. D. Lawrence.
Beaver Island—Jas. A. Vernon.
Beulah—J. C. King, T. H. Hudgins.
Buchanan—By letter.
Clement—J. E. Harris, R. N. Hall.
Ephesus—W. M. Faulkner, —— Thumb.
Elm Grove—E. H. Oaks.
Friendship—R. Baker, T. M. Baker.
Goodwill—By letter.
Greensboro—A. G. Newill, W. W. Rowe.
Kay Fork—D. R. Webster.
Kerr's Chapel—M. R. Sartin.
Leaksville—D. F. King, A. Heggie, J. J. Dallas.
Lewisville—Rev. S. F. Conrad, Wm. Binley, H. Acuff.
Madison—M. Stamps, Thos. Pratt, T. B. Lindsay.
Milton—J. J. Yarboro, F. B. Jones.
Mt. Olive—A. M. Boyles, Willie L. Smith.
Oak Ridge—J. M. Martin, G. W. Hawkins.
Providence, (Rockingham county)—Thomas J. Roberts.
Providence, (Caswell county)—J. A. Johns, S. T. Ware, George W. Marshal.
Peter's Creek—W. S. Watkins.
Red Bank—T. J. Valentine, J. T. Valentine, M. J. Crews.
Reidsville—D. M. Moon, W. T. Baynes.
Sharon—By letter.
Summerfield—J. M. Burton, J. L. Lane, J. W. Winchester.
Shiloh—W. G. Graves.
Trinity—Az. Graves.
Winston—Jac. White, Ed. Strayhorn.
Westfield—Not represented.
Yanceyville—J. L. C. Kerr, Wm. Slade.
Waughtown—M. J. Bodenhamer, H. W. Hinsdale, W. W. Phillips.

After reading the letters, the Association proceeded to the election of officers.

On motion of Bro. T. J. Valentine, Elder F. H. Jones was elected Moderator by acclamation; and on motion of Elder H. A. Brown, Elder B. H. Phillips was elected Clerk.

The Moderator then extended an invitation to visiting brethren, and the following responded and accepted seats in the body: Rev. C. S. Farriss, of the BIBLICAL RECORDER; Brethren L. E. Spencer, E. B. Cheney, of Roanoke Association, Va; Rev. C. E. Gower, of Mt. Zion Association; Rev. S. F. Conrad, of Yadkin Association; John E. Ray, Cor. Sec. Baptist State Convention; Rev. J. H. Lamberth, of Central.

Appointment of committees being in order, the following were appointed:

Committee on Finance—D. F. King, T. J. Valentine R. N. Hall.

Committee on Religious Exercises—Elder W. H. Wilson, W. G. Graves, C. G. Jones, Sr., and Deacons of Summerfield church.

Committee on Time and Place of next meeting—J. C. King, Az. Graves, Willie Slade, J. A. Johns, T. M. Baker.

Committee to nominate a new Executive Board—B. H. Phillips, John E. Harris, C. G. Jones, Jr.

On motion of Bro. T. J. Valentine, a petition from Lewisville church, asking admission into this body, together with a letter from the same, were read by the Clerk; and on motion of Bro. J. J. Yarboro, said church was received as a member of the Association.

On motion of Bro. Yarboro, a petition from Peter's Creek church, asking admission into this body, together with a letter from the same, were read by the Clerk, and the church received into fellowship.

The Moderator then, in behalf of the Association, extended the hand of welcome to these new churches.

On motion of Brother Yarboro, the Association adjourned to meet Friday a. m. 9:30, thirty minutes to be spent in religious exercises. Prayer by L. E. Spencer.

SECOND DAY—FRIDAY, August 8.

Association met according to adjournment, and after religious exercises conducted by Bro. Gower, proceeded to business.

The Clerk called the roll of delegates. Elm Grove, Oak

Ridge, Shiloh and Goodwill presented letters, which were read, and their delegates duly enrolled.

Bro. H. A. Brown then read the following report on State Missions:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The State Mission Board of the Baptist State Convention has in its work sixty Missionaries occupying a large number of important points. Their success has been all that we could expect. More than 600 persons have been baptized by them during the year. Fifteen houses of worship have been erected, and fifteen churches organized on their fields of labor. Besides, a number of young ministers from Wake Forest and Louisville are now toiling in destitute places for the upbuilding of our Master's cause ; and we hear of gratifying results from them all. With the increasing population of our country, the increasing prosperity of our churches, and the increasing demand for laborers, there should be increasing contributions to this cause, until we come up to the full measure of our ability. Means are now badly needed to pay the self-sacrificing men who have labored faithfully in many parts of our State. This Association is to be congratulated on its growing interest in this department of christian activity.

H. A. BROWN, Chm'n Com.

Also Bro. F. H. Jones offered the following as the report of the Executive Board of this Association :

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We submit the following report :

That through our recommendation the Board of State Missions agreed to appropriate $40 to Elder R. W. Crews to preach at Kay Fork, Stokes county ; $25 to Eld. W. H. Wilson to preach at Sharon and its surroundings ; $40 to Elder D. G. Taylor to preach at Rierson's S. H., Stokes county ; and $200 to some efficient Missionary to preach at several points in Caswell county.

Elder R. W. Crews in his report says : "I have preached 23 sermons, baptized 6, made 2 Sunday School talks, held 3 protracted meetings, and made a great many visits. I have raised for State Missions $5.00, for Education $2.00, for Foreign Missions $—, and to buy a stove for Kay Fork church $13. The brethren of this little church have subscribed $35 toward my support, and have paid $16. We have a good Sunday School. The brethren are poor and will need help another year."

Elder Taylor says : "We have no house at Rierson's suitable for worship in the winter, and consequently have but little preaching there during the winter. I have preached eight sermons, organized a church at Rierson's, we are taking steps to build a house, and will need help from abroad. The outlook is favorable. We have an appointment for a meeting of days, to begin the third Sunday in August."

Elder Wilson says: "I have preached 33 sermons on the mission field; held one protracted meeting, in which there were no conversions, but some indication of good were manifested. I have preached regularly at one point, occasionally at others. I have held several prayer-meetings—a few Sunday School talks—made several religious visits, and distributed a number of religious tracts. I have raised on the field, for my support, and for the different objects of the Association, $35.00."

Your committee failed to get a man for all his time for Caswell county. Elder F. H. Jones has partially supplied the field as follows:

He says: "I have preached Sunday afternoons, fifth Sunday, and frequently during the week at the following Mission stations: Public School House, Lea-Bethel, Slade's Chapel, and Hamar. Number of sermons preached on the mission field 31, baptized 12, visited 21 families, organized on the Mission field 1 Sunday School, held 12 prayer-meetings, sold $3.00 worth of Remington's tracks, given away $2.00 worth of the same, built and paid for two meeting houses, traveled 400 miles, held two protracted meetings, raised $43.00 for State Missions from the Mission field. Besides, I have got S. A. Goodwin, D. D., to help me in this mission work a few days, for which I paid him $10.00. Elder J. H. Lamberth has also preached 23 sermons on this field since the middle of June, for which he has been paid $38.00. Not more than half the territory within our bounds is supplied with Baptist preaching, and a considerable amount unoccupied by any denomination. Your committee would therefore urge increased contributions from all the churches to this object. We desire very much to enlarge our operations, and will do so as soon as the funds contributed by the brethren justify us in so doing."

These reports were discussed together, and interesting speeches were made by Brethren H. A. Brown, Jno. E. Ray, T. J. Valentine, J. B. Richardson, and C. E. Gower.

On motion of Bro. A. Graves, the reports were adopted.

The Association then proceeded to take pledges from the different churches for State Missions for the next year, and the following amounts were pledged, viz: Beck's $5, Beaver Island $10, Buchanan $5, Clement $10, Goodwill $5, Greensboro $25, Ephesus $30, Kay Fork $8, Kerr's Chapel $10, Leaksville $60, Lewisville $20, Madison $15, Milton $10, Mt. Olive $10, Oak Ridge $10, Providence (Caswell county) $15, Providence (Rockingham county) $15, Peter's Creek $5, Red Bank $20, Reidsville $50, Sharon $10, Shiloh $50, Summerfield $10, Trinity $10, Waughtown $20.50, Winston $80, Yanceyville $50.

An invitation was again extended to visiting brethren, and the following responded and accepted seats in the body: Prof. C. E. Taylor, of Wake Forest College, Dr. A. E. Dickinson, of the *Religious Herald*, of Richmond, Va., and Prof. H. W. Rhinehart, of Thomasville Female College.

On motion of Bro. Kerr, the Association adjourned till 2 o'clock this afternoon. Prayer by Prof. Taylor.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association convened according to adjournment. The Clerk read a letter from Ephesus church, and enrolled the names of the delegates. The business before the Association was the report on Education, but the report not being ready, on motion of Bro. Kerr, the committee was indulged till Saturday morning.

Elder W. H. Wilson read the following report on Periodicals, which was discussed by Brethren C. S. Farriss, Prof. C. E. Taylor, S. F. Conrad, Dr. Dickinson, and J. L. White, and adopted:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee beg to report, that it is with the greatest pleasure we learn of the continued prosperity of our State organ. Many reasons could be mentioned why the extension of this paper should be urged. Its standing is high, its doctrines accord with the doctrines of the Bible, and the principles of the Baptist faith. It is a most powerful instrumentality in drawing up our churches to the point of duty; its existence is essential to the prosperity of our denomination. We also call attention to the *Home and Foreign Mission Journal*, published at Richmond, Va., and *Kind Words* for the Sunday School.

The committee to nominate a new Executive Board presented the following report, which was adopted:

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

F. H. Jones, H. A. Brown, D. F. King, J. W. Winchester, T. M. Baker.

B. H. PHILLIPS, Chm'n Com.

The committee to suggest time and place for the next meeting of the Association reported Providence, Caswell county, as the place, and Thursday before the second Sunday in August as the time, which was adopted.

Bro. L. E. Duncan accepted a seat as a visitor from the Liberty Association.

On motion, the Association adjourned till Saturday morning 10 o'clock. Prayer by Dr. Dickinson.

THIRD DAY—SATURDAY, August 9.

The Association convened according to adjournment, and after religious exercises, conducted by the Moderator, proceeded to business. The Clerk read the proceedings of yesterday, which were approved.

Bro. W. G. Graves offered the following report on Education:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The subject of Education is stirring the public mind to a greater extent than ever known. Our institutions of learning are better and more largely patronized than ever before in the history of our denomination. We notice with pleasure the progress the Baptists are making in general education, and especially in ministerial education. We have 36 beneficiaries aided last session—5 at Louisville Seminary, to whom money was loaned, 2 at Wakefield, and 29 at Wake Forest College. The Board is $1,000 in debt, owing to pressure for endowment last Fall. There were four from Beulah Association aided last year. There are more applications for aid than ever before. We, therefore, earnestly insist that the brethren come up to their full strength, with prayer and means, in behalf of these struggling young men. We cordially recommend all our schools and colleges as worthy of our support.

Interesting speeches were made by Prof. C. E. Taylor, Dr. A. E. Dickinson, Prof. H. W. Rhinehart, and L. E. Duncan, and the report was adopted, after securing the following pledges and cash for education: Beck's $6, Beaver Island $5, Beulah $15, Clement $5, Ephesus $15, Friendship $10, Greensboro $25, Kerr's Chapel $10, Leaksville $60, Lewisville $25, Madison $10, Milton $10, Mt. Olive $5, Oak Ridge $10, Providence (Caswell county) $5, Providence (Rockingham county) $10, Peter's Creek $5, Reidsville $30, Shiloh $25, Summerfield $10, Trinity $10, Winston $60, Waughtown $13.50, Yanceyville $25, Kay Fork $25. Personal pledges: J. M. Burton and J. W. Winchester $5, H. A. Brown $5, W. T. Baynes $5, F. B. Jones $5, Mrs. Banks Reid $1. Cash collection $18.50.

On motion, adjourned till 1 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. L. E. Duncan.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder E B. Cheney. The Moderator announced the following committees for next year:

Education—H. A. Brown, T. M. Baker.
Periodicals—S. F. Conrad, Az. Graves.
State Missions—J. B. Richardson, W. G. Graves.
Foreign Missions—J. M. Crews, T. J. Valentine.
Home Missions—B. H. Phillips, J. L. C. Kerr.
Sunday Schools—J. L. White, W. S. Watkins.
Obituaries—T. B. Lindsay, C. G. Jones, Jr.

B. H. Phillips then read the following report of Foreign Missions, which was discussed by Brethren Jno. E. Ray and L. E. Duncan, and adopted:

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee submit the following: "The command of our Savior was, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." For 1,850 years this command has sounded in the ears of his followers. And yet it is to be feared that some of our people have yet to realize that the field for christian labor is the world; and that this command includes China and the isles of the sea, as well as North Carolina. We have not given to this grand object and department of the Lord's work as liberally as we should, yet we have much to encourage us. The Southern Baptist Convention, of which we are a part, has efficient Missionaries in Africa, in China, in South America, in Europe, and in Mexico. And year after year our hearts are made glad by the knowledge that the darkness of heathenism, and the superstitions and vices of Catholicism are giving way before the light and power of the Sun of Righteousness. Last year a large number of conversions were reported by these Missionaries. $80,000 were raised for the spread of the gospel among these benighted people. This is encouraging, but we have hardly entered the border land. From every quarter of the globe is coming up the Macedonian cry. Shall we respond? God's blessings on what we have done are indicative of what he would have us do. With the opportunities that are before us from without, and in view of our own increasing power, let us remember God's words, that "in stewards it is required of a man that he be found faithful." And let us seek to increase our contributions for this object and pray the Great Head of the church may so bless our efforts that soon "earth's remotest nations may know Messiah's name."

B. H. PHILLIPS, Chm'n Com.

Bro. S. F. Conrad read the report on Sunday Schools, and Bro. Taylor made an interesting speech on same, after which the report was laid on the table till Sunday morning 9 o'clock.

Bro. D. F. King offered the report on Finance, which was adopted. (See statistical table.)

On motion of Bro. T. J. Valentine, the Treasurer was ordered to pay Jno. E. Ray, Cor. Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, $100 more than the pledge of the Association to the State Mission Board.

On motion of Bro. Valentine, the Finance Committee was ordered to pay to the Treasurer the funds in its hands.

On motion of H. A. Brown, Bro. J. B. Richardson was requested to preach the introductory sermon next year; and, on motion of Bro. Kerr, Bro. H. A. Brown was appointed his alternate.

Bro. C. G. Jones, Jr., read the following report on Home Missions, which was discussed by Bro. Jno. E. Ray and Dr. A. E. Dickinson, and adopted. One brother in each church also agreed to represent this Board, and bring its claims before his church before the first of April next.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee is rejoiced to be able to report the Home Mission work in a good condition. More and more the obligation to give the gospel to every creature is being recognized by the Baptists of North Carolina, and of the whole South. Hence our Home Mission Board in Atlanta, Ga., reports larger receipts this year than for many years past. Our Missionaries, too, are sending in very encouraging reports of victories won for Christ, and of souls brought into His kingdom. Our Home Mission Board has Missionaries in most of the Southern States and Territories. Vast fields are opening up before us, and the people are crying to the Home Board for the Bread of Life. Let us heed the heavenly voice of Him who commands us to go into all the world with his precious, life-giving gospel, and let us try to bring every member of the Beulah Association into active co-operation with this work. We would especially commend the Church Building Department of the Home Board as worthy of our most earnest support.

Respectfully submitted,

C. G. JONES, JR., Chm'n Com.

On motion, the committee to write the history of the Association was continued till the next meeting.

The Presbytery reports the ordination of Bro. C. G. Jones, Jr., to the full work of the gospel ministry.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

On motion of B. H. Phillips, a collection was taken up in cash and subscriptions, to build a church at Summerfield, amounting to about $725.

On motion of Bro. Kerr, the following resolution was adopted: (Preamble omitted.)

Resolved, That the delegates here present bring the matter of division of the Association before the churches during the next year, and that each church be requested to state in its letter to the next meeting of this body their will in the matter; and if in favor of division to state to which division it prefers to belong.

On motion of Bro. J. J. Yarboro, the report of the committee on Time and Place was reconsidered; and, on motion of Bro. Conrad, Providence is stricken out of the report and Lewisville inserted.

On motion of Bro. Kerr, the Clerk is ordered to have as many minutes printed and distributed as the funds will admit of, and is allowed $15.00 for his services.

Bro. Kerr offers the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and hereby tendered to the brethren and friends of this church for their hospitality during the session of this body; also that the thanks of the body are due and hereby tendered to the colored people for their church, and to Prof. Blair for the use of his Academy.

On motion of Bro. Kerr, the Clerk is ordered to pay out, as directed by the Association, all funds in his hands.

On motion of Bro. J. J. Yarboro, the Clerk is ordered to have the Constitution and Rules of Decorum of the Association printed in the minutes.

On motion, the Association adjourns to meet in Sunday School mass-meeting Sunday morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Dr. A. E. Dickinson.

SUNDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock, August 10.

The Association met according to adjournment.

On motion, the Sunday School report was taken from the table, and, after short speeches from Brethren C. G. Jones, Jr., J. L. White, J. H. Lamberth and Jno. E. Ray, was adopted.

A collection was taken amounting to $7.06 to be spent in the distribution of religious literature.

The hour of preaching having arrived, Elder L. E. Duncan preached in the church at 11 o'clock to a large congregation a most excellent sermon. Elder L. E. Spencer also preached at the Academy. At 2 o'clock P. M., Rev. J. L. White preached in the church.

After appropriate remarks by the Moderator, the Association adjourned to meet with the Louisville church, Forsyth county, Thursday before the 2nd Sabbath in August, 1885.

Thus closed one of the most interesting, profitable and encouraging sessions of the Beulah Association.

F. H. JONES, *Moderator*.

B. H. PHILLIPS, *Clerk*.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCH.	Received by baptism.	By letter.	Restored.	Dis. by let'r.	Died.	Excluded.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Pastor's Salary.	CONTRIBUTIONS.								
											State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Educa-tion.	Sunday Sc. Col'n.	Orphan Asylum.	Minute Fund, &c.	Church Extens'n.	Inci-dental.
Beck's	14	...	...	...	...	...	16	14	30	...	$ 2 00	$ 2 00	$ 1 35	$ 2 25	...	...	$ 1 55	...	...
Beaver Island	7	...	...	...	1	...	22	52	74	...	8 00	...	...	3 00	...	...	75	$ 27 00	...
Beulah	8	4	...	7	1	4	29	46	75	...	62 00	2 60	3 00	15 00	$ 10 00	...	1 60	...	$ 7 20
Buchanan	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	15	28	...	3 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Clement	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	47	...	60	2 35	...	5 00	...	...	1 50	...	...
Ephesus	31	4	5	3	2	...	48	67	115	...	36 86	11 74	1 00	10 88	16 33	41 30	3 00	...	...
Elm Grove	...	...	...	1	4	3	4	13	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30	...	...
Friendship	1	...	...	...	...	1	23	63	86	$ 111 00	7 45	3 85	310 00	7 00	...	...	1 20	...	...
Goodwill	11	1	...	1	3	...	13	48	61	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 35	...	...
Greensboro	1	2	...	8	2	1	...	...	120	...	15 00	25 74	...	10 27	50 00	...	1 50	...	...
Kay Fork	7	7	...	...	1	1	...	...	33	...	5 00	2 10	...	...	...	...	50	...	...
Kerr's Chapel	4	1	..	1	...	...	30	52	82	...	8 00	15 00	3 16	7 25	...	...	1 68	...	...
Madison	1	1	1	12	2	...	...	...	...	...	15 00	6 00	...	1 00	...	...	1 00	...	20 35
Milton	...	...	...	...	...	...	21	35	56	...	7 85	6 50	10 00	11 05	2 85	...	1 50	...	...
Mt. Olive	8	...	1	2	...	...	32	73	105	...	5 35	3 25	15	4 85	1 00	...	1 00	...	...
Leaksville	27	6	...	4	4	3	...	...	184	...	56 00	24 00	...	50 00	...	...	3 00	250 00	...
Lewisville	10	1	...	...	...	1	10	9	19	75 00	5 26	...	...	...	...	...	1 25	...	51 85
Oak Ridge	...	...	...	4	...	2	24	47	71	75 00	...	1 85	1 85	3 00	...	...	1 50	...	...
Providence, (R. Co.)	15	...	...	1	2	1	...	...	79	...	5 00	...	...	4 50	...	...	1 55	...	...
Providence, (C. Co.)	...	..	...	5	...	...	13	32	45	...	15 00	...	...	3 65	...	...	2 00	...	...
Red Bank	6	2	...	2	1	4	32	42	74	...	7 80	4 50	7 80	5 00	...	...	2 50	...	...
Reidsville	18	14	...	7	2	3	56	132	188	...	40 00	11 60	11 20	16 85	75 00	6 75	3 00	...	...
Sharon	1	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	40	600 00	8 00	...	...	...	...	...	50	...	...
Summerfield	10	...	...	...	...	...	14	30	44	...	5 00	...	...	6 00	...	...	1 00	...	...
Shiloh	15	2	...	...	...	3	61	92	153	...	59 50	8 25	2 00	20 00	4 60	...	3 30	...	12 00
Trinity	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	45	...	6 00	3 00	...	4 00	1 00	...	1 50	...	...
Winston	15	10	1	5	1	2	47	113	160	650 00	70 00	30 00	...	50 00	...	...	2 50	175 00	98 25
Westfield	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Waughtown	5	1	...	...	1	...	28	44	72	150 00	22 11	13 25	...	10 00	...	...	1 10	20 00	...
Yanceyville	14	...	...	8	...	...	41	81	132	250 00	50 00	35 06	3 00	26 50	5 65	14 50	3 00	40 00	34 62
Peter's Creek	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	10	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 25	...	1 25
Grand total	229	58	8	72	30	29	577	1871	2248	$ 1991 00	$535 69	$202 64	$ 47 61	$277 05	$160 43	$ 62 55	$ 47 58	$514 00	$224 27

Churches, Pastors and Clerks, and their respective Pottoffices.

CHURCH.	PASTOR.	POSTOFFICE.	CLERK.	POSTOFFICE.
Beck's	P. Oliver		H. R. Barrow	
Beaver Island	W. H. Wilson	Madison, N. C.	J. A. Vernon.	Mayo, N. C.
Beulah	F. H. Jones	Yanceyville, N. C.	J. C. King	Hamar, N. C.
Buchanan	R. R. Moore	Greensboro, N. C.	M. S. Whitington	Greensboro, N. C.
Clement			J. B. Pleasant	Roxboro, N. C.
Ephesus	F. H. Jones	Yanceyville, N. C.	J. P. Woody	Cunningham's Store, N. C.
Elm Grove			I. Oaks	Summerfield, N. C.
Friendship	R. W. Crews	Germantown, N. C.	T. M. Baker	
Goodwill	J. T. Vernon		R. Stanley	Walkertown, N. C.
Greensboro			R. L. Vernon	Greensboro, N. C.
Kay Fork	R. W. Crews	Germantown, N. C.	D. R. Webster	Madison, N. C.
Kerr's Chapel	J. H. Vernon	Roxboro, N. C.	T. Y. Baynes	Anderson's Store, N. C.
Madison	W. H. Wilson	Madison, N. C.	T. B. Lindsay	Madison, N. C.
Milton	L. E. Spencer	Milton, N. C.	J. J. Yarboro	Milton, N. C.
Mt. Olive	R. W. Crews	Germantown, N. C.	A. M. Boyles	State, N. C.
Leaksville	J. B. Richardson	High Point, N. C.	C. G. Jones, Sr.	Leaksville, N. C.
Lewisville	S. F. Conrad	Lewisville, N. C.	E. H. Wright	Lewisville, N. C.
Oak Ridge	R. W. Crews	Germantown, N. C.	P. D. Watkins	Watkinsville, N. C.
Providence, (R. Co.)	D. G. Taylor	Taylorsville, N. C.	S. W. Carter	Leaksville, N. C.
Providence, (C. Co.)			S. T. Ware	Purley, N. C.
Red Bank	W. H. Wilson	Madison, N. C.		
Reidsville	B. H. Phillips	Reidsville, N. C.	S. Williams	Reidsville, N. C.
Sharon	W. H. Wilson	Madison, N. C.	R. Brown	Adelaide, N. C.
Summerfield			J. W. Winchester	Scalesville, N. C.
Shiloh	F. H. Jones	Yanceyville, N. C.	C. J. Yarboro	Milton, N. C.
Trinity			Thos. Slade	Ashland, N. C.
Winston	H. A. Brown	Winston	C. G. Strayhorn	Winston, N. C.
Westfield., not represented,				
Waughtown	J. B. Richardson	High Point, N. C.	E. E. Phillips	Salem, N. C.
Yanceyville	F. H. Jones	Yanceyville, N. C.	J. L. C. Kerr	Yanceyville, N. C.
Peter's Creek	D. G. Taylor	Taylorsville, Va.	Jesse Lawson	Jewell's, N. C.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	POST OFFICE.	No. Scholars.	Aver. Attend'e.	CONTRIBUTIONS.	
					Beneficiaries.	School Prop'ty.
Beck's,	J. Q. Hutchins,		49	25		
Beaver Island,	No School reported					
Beulah,	J. C. King,	Hamar, N. C.,	46	20		
Clement,	No School reported					
Elm Grove,	No School reported					
Ephesus,	W. C Pulliam,	Cunningham's Store, N. C.,	80		$16 33	
Friendship,	No School reported		60	30		
Goodwill,	No School reported					
Greensboro,	A. G. Newell,	Greensboro, N. C.,	106			$50 00
Kay Fork,	No School reported					
Kerr's Chapel,	No School reported					
Leaksville,	Dr. T. G. Taylor,	Leaksville, N. C.,	60			
Lewisville,	E. H. Wright,		45			
Madison,	No School reported					
Milton,	J. W. Cheek,	Milton, N. C.,	45			
Mt. Olive,	Has a School, but	statistics not reported				
Oak Ridge,	M. L. Hutchins,		39			
Providence, (C. Co.,)	No School reported					
Providence, (R. Co.,)	S. W. Carter,		65			
Peter's Creek	No School reported					
Red Bank,	School, but no stat's.					
Reidsville, 2 Schools,	D. M. Moore, A. J. Smith,	Reidsville, N. C.,	150	120		75 00
Shiloh, 3 Schools,	C. J. Yarboro, W. G. Graves,	Hamar, N. C.,	140			25 00
Summerfield, 2 Schoo's,	J. M. Burton, W. H. Case,	Scalesville, N. C.,				
Trinity,	No School reported					
Waughtown,	W. W. Shepherd,	Salem, N. C.,	90	65		36 51
Winston,	Dr. C. J. Watkins,	Winston, N. C.,	160	100		75 00
Yanceyville,	B. Lownes	Yanceyville, N. C.,	53		12 93	19 62
Buchanan,	No School reported					
		Totals,	1,182	360	$29 26	$281 13

Total number of Schools reported 21. Churches with no Sunday School 12.

N. B.—Clerks and Superintendents will please see that all work done by the Churches through Sunday Schools and Missionary Societies is *definitely* reported.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

Received of Finance Committee :

For State Missions,	$432.05
For Foreign Missions,	69.91
For Home Missions,	19.61
For Education,	131.02
For Sunday Schools,	5.85
For Minute Fund,	47.58
Collection for Literature,	7.06
Total,	$713.08

DISBURSEMENTS.

Sent to B. F. Montague :

For Foreign Missions,	$ 69.91
For Home Missions,	19.61
For Education,	131.02
For Sunday Schools,	5.85
Paid Jno. E. Ray for State Missions,	153.35
Paid F. H. Jones, Missionary,	125.00
Paid W. H. Wilson, Missionary,	25.00
Paid R. W. Crews, Missionary,	40.00
Paid D. G. Taylor, Missionary,	25.00
Paid for Printing and Distributing Minutes,	32.58
Paid Clerk for services,	15.00
Balance on hand,	70.76
Total,	$713.08

MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

Reidsville Ladies' Mission Society, (contribut's during year,)	$70.00
Yanceyville Sunday School Missionary Society,	17.39
Winston Ladies' Missionary Society. Not definitely reported.	

N. B.—These Societies are not independent organizations, but work through the church.

CONSTITUTION OF THE BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be called the BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ART. 2. It shall be composed of the Ordained Ministers who are members of, and those who may have pastoral charge within, the Associational district, and of three delegates from each church in the district aforesaid.

ART. 3. The said delegates shall, before taking their seats, produce letters from their respective churches showing their appointment as delegates.

ART. 4. The Associational Session shall be held at least once a year.

ART. 5. The officers shall be a Moderator and Clerk, and if deemed expedient by the Association, a Treasurer likewise.

ART. 6. The Moderator shall be chosen annually, but the Clerk shall continue in office at the pleasure of the Association.

ART. 7. The Association shall be clothed with authority only to advise the churches touching all things pertaining to their interest, but shall in no case presume to direct or control them in reference to their own government or internal policy.

ART. 8. A committee of Arrangements, consisting of three members, shall be appointed on the first day of each session to prepare and report an order of proceedings and to suggest topics proper for the consideration and action of the Association, and the said committee shall report promptly on the morning of the second day of the session.

ART. 9. Baptist ministers, not members of the Association, who may be present at any session of the body, may, on invitation by the body, take seats and participate in the debates of the Association.

ART. 10. At each session of the Association there shall be appointed an Executive Committee of five, three of whom shall constitute a quorum, whose duty it shall be to superintend, and in conjunction with the Missionary Boards of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, direct the Missionary operations of the Association.

ART. 11. All committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

ART. 12. At each annual session the Association shall appoint a Presbytery for the ordination of Ministers and constitution of churches, who shall, however, in all cases of ordination act in obedience to the call and under the direction of the churches calling them.

ART. 13. The Constitution may be altered only at an annual session of the Association and by a vote of two-thirds of the whole body present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The Association shall meet punctually each day at the hour appointed, and on the appearance of a quorum the Moderator shall cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read.
2. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to decide all questions on points of order, subject, however, to an appeal from his decision to the Association.
3. The Moderator shall be entitled to vote only in case of an equal division of the Association.
4. He shall not participate in debate except on points of order, unless by unanimous consent of the Association, or until he shall have called another member to the chair.
5. Members shall, in debate, or on rising to make a motion, address the Moderator.
6. When two or more members rise at the same time, the Moderator shall designate the person who shall first occupy the floor.
7. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Association without its leave.
8. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a day certain, to commit or to amend—which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand here arranged.
9. All committees, unless otherwise ordered, shall consist of three members only.
10. A committee shall be appointed on the first day of every session to designate ministers to preach during the session of the Association.
11. No motion shall be put to the Association by the Moderator unless it receives a second.
12. No rule of order shall be rescinded or suspended unless by a vote of two-thirds of the body.
13. The Constitution and Rules of Order shall be read publicly in the Association on the second day of each session.

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Wm. Royall, Professor of Modern Languages, and *pro tem.* of Moral Philosophy.
W. G. Simmons, Professor of Natural Science.
L. R. Mills, Professor of Mathematics.
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SHILOH—John B. Yarboro, W. G. Graves, R. C. Yarboro.
TRINITY—A. Graves.
WINSTON—G. W. Harrel, I. W. Durham.
WESTFIELD—R. Simmons, M. O. Hill, N. Matthews.
YANCEYVILLE—By letter.
WAUGHTOWN—W. H. Sheppard, W. W. Phillips, P. E. Leight.

After reading the letters, the Association proceeded to the election of officers, and, on motion of Elder H. A. Brown, Bro. F. H. Jones was re-elected Moderator by acclamation.

The Moderator then extended an invitation to visiting brethren, and the following responded: Dr. Wm. Royall, of Wake Forest College; Thos. Carrick, of Tar River Association; Elder Wm. Turner, of Liberty Association; J. W. Denny, Flat River; Dr. W. J. Conrad, Yadkin; Dr. Howell, Liberty; C. C. Haymore, Yadkin; R. A. Womack, Liberty; C. R. Orrender, Yadkin; L. A. Speace, Yadkin.

On motion of Bro. Valentine, a letter from Mt. Hermon church, together with a petition to join this body was read and the church received into fellowship, and delegates seated.

On motion, the Moderator proceeded to appoint the usual committees:

On Finance—D. F. King, T. J. Valentine, J. C. King.
On Religious Exercises--Pastor and Deacons of Lewisville church.
On Time and Place of Next Meeting--W. G. Graves, T. B. Lindsay, J. M. Burton, Jno. Yarboro, M. J. Crews.
To Nominate a New Executive Board—B. H. Phillips, Az. Graves, H. A. Brown.
On Arrangements—W. R. Gwaltney, H. A. Brown, P. Oliver.

On motion of Bro. Brown, a committee of four ministers and three laymen were appointed to take into consideration the division of the Association. Committee: H. A. Brown, J. H. Lamberth, W. B. Wingate, W. R. Gwaltney, Az. Graves, Jackson Guthrie, D. F. King.

Bro. Gwaltney moved that the body meet at 9:30 a. m., spend thirty minutes in religious exercises—adjourn at 12; meet at 1:30 p. m. and adjourn at will.

On motion of Bro. Lamberth, the Association adjourned. Prayer by Bro. Gwaltney. Bro. Carrick preached at night.

SECOND DAY—AUGUST 7.

Association met according to adjournment, and after religious exercises, conducted by Elder Wm. Turner, the Moderator called the body to order.

Committee on Arrangements reported. On motion of Bro. J. B. Richardson, the report was amended so as to have a regular annual report on the Baptist Orphanage.

The Clerk then called the roll of churches, read the minutes of yesterday and also the Constitution and Rules of Order of the Association.

Bro. A. G. McManaway addressed the Association on Home Missions.

Bro. J. H. Lamberth read the report on Home Missions, and on motion the report was adopted:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

After a brief review of the work done during the past year by our Home Mission Board, we are glad to report the work in a hopeful condition. Our hearts being encouraged in view of the success met with in the past, and stimulated by the hopeful outlook for the future work of this Board, we do heartily commend it, with all of its interests, to the prayerful consideration of every lover of the Lord Jesus. In view of the large amount of territory to be cultivated, and the increasing number of missionaries to preach the Gospel to the many thousands in our country who have it not, the Board is calling on the Southern States for a larger contribution than she has ever made. North Carolina is asked to give $5,000 to help in building up the waste places within her own borders and those of her sister States.

Therefore, we, as your committee, recommend that the Beulah Association make an effort to raise $150.00 of this amount.

Respectfully submitted,
Done for the committee by J. H. LAMBERTH.

The Moderator then extended an invitation to visiting brethren and the following responded: J. E. Ray, representing State Mission and Sunday School Boards; Rev. C. S. Farriss, of *Biblical Recorder;* A. G. McManaway, V. P. Home Mission Board of S. B. Convention; Prof. W. L. Poteat, of Wake Forest College; Rev. J. N. Stallings, of Thomasville Female

College; Rev. Ed. M. Poteat, of Central Association; Rev. D. W. Herring, of Central Association and representing Foreign Missions; W. B. Clement, South Yadkin.

Bro. A. G. McManaway offered the report on Periodicals, which was discussed by brethren W. L. Poteat, J. B. Richardson, W. B. Harrell, H. A. Brown and others, and was adopted:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee take pleasure in commending to the confidence and patronage of the brethren and sisters the *Biblical Recorder*, the *Foreign Mission Journal* and *Kind Words*.

A. G. McMANAWAY,
For the Committee.

The time having arrived for adjournment, the Association took a recess of an hour and a half.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association convened according to adjournment, and was led in prayer by Bro. Herring.

Clerk then read letters from Yanceyville, Reidsville and Providence (Rockingham county).

On motion of Bro. Valentine, the regular order of business was suspended in order to have the report on State Missions read and discussed.

Bro. Richardson offered the report on State Missions, and Bro. Brown read the report of Executive Committee, which were discussed together, and after remarks by brethren Ray and others were adopted:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

With gratitude, we bless God for the prospects of Missions in our beloved State. A review of the work for the last decade shows that our efforts to give the Gospel to the centre of influence have been wonderfully blessed. Ten years ago over 100 of these important points, as basis of radiation, were without the Truth, as we hold it, while there remain only a score or more unreached. Then we had not more than 30 Missionaries, now we have near 70. Our State Board, realizing the growth of this work, has recently decided to put Bro. J. E. Ray as a travelling agent in the field for all his time. We recommend the endorsement of this action and hail it with delight, as an earnest of still greater achievements. There is still vast destitution in N. C., and we urge that the brethren go forward.

W. G. GRAVES,
J. B. RICHARDSON.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee of the Beulah Association beg leave to make the following report: Owing to the great distance by which we have been separated, we have not been able to hold a meeting since our last Association. At that time we agreed to appoint Elder C. G. Jones to labor a portion of his time in Caswell county at a salary of $200.00; Elder R. W. Crews to labor at Kay Fork in Stokes county, with an appropriation of $25; Elder D. G. Taylor to labor at Peter's Creek, for which we agreed to allow him $25.00, and Elder W. H. Wilson to labor at Providence and Mt. Hermon at a salary of $25.00. These brethren have labored faithfully during the year.

Bro. C. G. Jones sends the following report of his work: "Weeks of labor performed, 34; number sermons preached, 113; churches supplied, 2; out-stations, 2; prayer meetings attended, 47; religious visits, 89; persons baptized, 22; number added by letter, 4; protracted meetings held, 5; the Lord's Supper administered, 2; Sunday Schools organized, 1." Bro. Jones states that while his work has been hard in some respects, it has been very pleasant. We regret that he will soon go from our bounds, thus leaving a promising field in part destitute.

Bro. Crews sends us a synopsis of his work at Kay Fork: "Preached 39 sermons, baptized 12, held some protracted meetings. We raised for State Missions, $10.00; for Education, $7.50."

Bro. Wilson says: "I have preached 63 sermons, held 2 meetings, in which were 16 conversions; baptized, 10; will soon finish our house at Providence, have raised $30 for Missions, have distributed tracts."

We deem it important to call the attention of the Association to the fact that large destitution exists in our bounds. There are fields white for the harvest in Caswell and Rockingham counties. Almost the whole of Guilford county is without Baptist preaching, while Forsyth and Stokes have many points which ought to be occupied by us without delay. We congratulate the churches on their growing interest in this department of Christian activity. Let the good work go on until the rough places be made smooth, and the places be made straight and the knowledge of the Lord be made to fill the whole earth.

H. A. BROWN, Chm'n Com.

Pledges for State Missions were made as follows by the churches:

1	Greensboro	$ 25 00
2	Beck's	7 00
3	Beaver Island	15 00
4	Beulah	35 00
5	Buchanan	5 00
6	Clement	10 00
7	Ephesus	25 00
8	Elm Grove	——
9	Friendship	12 00
10	Goodwill	5 00
11	Kay Fork	8 00
12	Kerr's Chapel	10 00
13	Madison	20 00
14	Milton	10 00
15	Leaksville	70 00
16	Lewisville	25 00
17	Mt. Olive	10 00
18	Oak Ridge	10 00
19	Providence, R	20 00
20	Providence, C	15 00
21	Peter's Creek	5 00
22	Red Bank	20 00
23	Reidsville	40 00
24	Sharon	10 00
25	Summerfield	15 00
26	Shiloh	50 00
27	Trinity	10 00
28	Winston	100 00
29	Westfield	5 00
30	Yanceyville	60 00
31	Waughtown	25 00
32	Mt. Hermon	10 00
	Total	$655 00

Bro. Conrad moved that Foreign Missions be made the special order for to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

Bro. Valentine moved that the committee to consider the formation of a new Association report.

Bro. Brown read the report:

Your committee find, on examination of the letters, that eight churches ask for letters of dismission, viz.: Kay Fork, Peter's Creek, Oak Ridge, Lewisville, Leaksville, Friendship, Winston and Westfield. Nine churches are indefinite, viz.: Red Bank, Sharon, Greensboro, Waughtown, Buchanan, Goodwill, Mt. Hermon, Mt. Olive, Summerfield. Some of these churches leave the matter with their messengers, and others favor divisions, but give no instruction to their messengers.

The following are not in favor of division: Beaver Island, Clement, Milton, Madison, Ephesus, Beaulah, Shiloh, &c.

We recommend that letters of dismission be granted to the eight churches asking for letters, also that the messengers who have been instructed by their churches to act on their judgment in the matter have the privilege of asking for letters if they so decide.

After the adoption of this, the following churches then asked for letters: Goodwill, Mt. Olive, Waughtown, Red Bank, Mt. Hermon, Beck's, Providence, Rockingham county.

On motion, the committee on time, place and preacher for next meeting reported, viz.: Time, Thursday before the second Sunday in August; place, Providence, Caswell county; Introductory sermon, W. R. Gwaltney, B. H. Phiilips, alternate.

The presbytery reported the ordination of brother Wingate, and the organization of Mt. Hermon church.

On motion, the Association adjourned. Prayer by Bro. Brown. Bro. Gwaltney preached at night.

THIRD DAY—SATURDAY, 8th.

The Association convened at the usuual hour, and after religious exercises, the Moderator called the body to order. The Moderator announced the following committees :

On Education--J. H. Lamberth, John Yarboro.
On Periodicals—W. R. Graves, J. M. Burton.
On State Missions--W. R. Gwaltney, Az. Graves.
On Foreign Missions--W. B. Wingate, J. C. King.
On Home Missions--J. H. Vernon, W. Woody.
On Baptist Orphanage—B. H. Phillips, James Morrison.
On Sunday Schools--T. B. Lindsay, T. A. Wilson.
On Obituaries—J. E. Jordan, T. L. Lea.

The committee to nominate a new Executive Board reported:

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

W. R. Gwaltney, Dr. C. A. Rominger, W. B. Wingate, W. G. Graves, J. H. Lamberth.

B. H. PHILLIPS, Chm'n. Com.

Brother T. J. Valentine offered the report on Foreign Missions which was discussed by brother D. W. Herring and others. The report was adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

This is emphatically an age of missions. Foreign Missions have made greater strides towards the conquest of the world within the last ten or twelve years than in hundreds of years before that time. Obstacles that seemed almost insurmountable a few years ago have been removed, and the gospel is now preached in many places where Christ had not so much as been named. This subject is now claiming the attention of scientific men who do not profess to love Christ. They recognize it as a great factor in the elevation of uncivilized races. It is worthy of mention that in many universities of learning, the work of Foreign Missions is more and more brought before the minds of the young men who are to fill positions of public trust. Everywhere missions are protected, and gradually they are reaching the ear of the masses of the people.

The Southern Baptists have missions in China, Africa, Italy, South America and Mexico. We have twenty-nine stations—nineteen male and twenty-one female American missionaries and twenty-six native helpers. The number of persons baptized and the amounts contributed by the churches in heathen lands will compare favorably with the work done by the same number of churches in our own lands. Very soon our missionaries are to be reinforced by young men from our midst. This will call for greater efforts on our part to supply the needs of our boards. No churches ought to rest satisfied without making a strong effort to carry out our Savior's last command. Let our pastors tell the people what is being done. Let them read all they can in this line, and interest will not be wanting. We would call attention to the wonderful work our Baptist women in this country are doing. They support eighty-eight missionaries, over seventy-five Bible women and contributed during last year $135,030.71 to Foreign Missions. They have missions in Burmah, India, China, Japan, France, Sweden, Italy, Africa, Brazil and Mexico. As far as possible, we would urge the formation of Female Missionary Societies in all our churches to work through and co-operate with them in this grand work for Christ and humanity.

T. J. VALENTINE.

The Association took pledges for Foreign Missions from the churches as follows :

Beck's, $5.00; Bever Island, $5.00; Beaulah, $10.00; Buchanan, $3.00; Clement, $10.00; Ephesus, $5.00; Friendship, $5.00; Goodwill, ———; Greensboro, $25.00; Kay Fork, $5.00; Kerr's Chapel, $10.00; Leaksville, $25.00; Lewisville, $30.00; Madison, $15.00; Milton, $10.00; Mt. Olive, $5.00; Oak Ridge, $5.00; Providence (Rockingham county), $3.00; Providence (Caswell county), $5.00; Perter's Creek, $2.50; Red Bank, $10.00; Reidsville, $20.00; Sharon, $5.00; Summerfield, $5.00; Shiloh, $15.00; Trinity, $10.00; Winston, $35 00; Westfield, $2.00; Yanceyville, $40 00; Waughtown, $20,00; Mt. Hermon, $5.00.

Brother Gwaltney moved that it is the sense of this body that it would be to the interest of the Foreign Mission work in North Carolina for brethren Herring and Bryant to stay in North Carolina till after the meeting of the Convention in November.

Bro. H. A. Brown read the report on Education, which was discussed by Dr. Royall and others, and adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

It is gratifying to be able to report that the interest in general education is ever widening in all our Southern country. There are more young men and young ladies in our colleges now than at any time in our history since the war. Our academies and common schools are giving increased evidences of efficiency in methods of instruction and management of pupils. It is with deep gratitude to God that we report all our Baptist schools in a healthy and growing condition. Wake Forest has just completed one of its most successful years, and under the wise administration of President Taylor, we may expect to reach still higher things. *Never* was it more important that we, as Baptist, *should* see to it that this noble institution is filled with our sons. Here they may obtain as good intellectual training as can be gotten at any college in the South without the demoralizing influences that weaken the moral character. There are great numbers of young men, not ministers, in our State who are anxious to go to Wake Forest, but have not the means in hand to defray their expenses. It is desirable to raise a fund to help such young men—-they, of course, to pay back the amounts expened on them with interest after a given time. There are excellent schools in our own State for the education of our daughters. We mention Murfreesboro, Oxford, Thomasville and Shelby as worthy of our patronage. The Board of Education has had under its charge during the last year thirty young men who are preparing for the ministry. These young brethren have been approved by their churches and received by the Board after careful examination. They have made gratifying progress and give promise of faithful and efficient work for the denomination. There was a debt at the close of the last session which must cripple the Board unless the churches promptly send forward increased contributions. We recommend that this object be kept before our people, that our churches may be educated to regular systematic giving to this important branch of Christian duty.

H. A. BROWN.

Adjourned on motion of Bro. Richardson. Prayer by Bro. W. B. Harrell.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association convened according to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. Vernon.

The Association took the following pledges for Education: Beck's, $5.00; Beaver Island, $5.00; Beulah, $15.00; Buchanan, $3.00; Clement, $15.00; Ephesus, $15.00; Friendship, $10.00; Goodwill, $5.00; Greensboro, $25.00; Kay Fork, $5.00; Kerr's Chapel, $15.00; Madison, $10.00; Milton, $10.00; Mt. Olive, $5.00; Leaksville, $60.00; Lewisville, $25.00; Oak Ridge, $5.00; Providence (Rockingham county), $10.00; Providence (Caswell covnty), $5.00; Red Bank, $15.00; Reidsville, $30.00; Summerfield, $10.00; Shiloh, $30.00; Trinity, $10.00; Winston, $65.00; Waughtown, $10.00; Peter's Creek, $5.00; Yanceyville, $35.00; Mt. Hermon, $10.00.

Bro. Gwaltney read report on the Baptist Orphanage:

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

The Baptist Orphanage Association of North Carolina was organized last November. Bro. J. H. Mills was chosen general manager. He entered upon his work in January, and since that time has had much work done on the ground. Two beautiful avenues have been opened up and much building material has been gathered, and several houses will be erected by individuals. The corner stone of the John Mitchel building was laid last Wednesday. On that day the Orphanage Association held a large and inspiring meeting on the grounds, and great encouragement was given to the cause. This is a work that appeals to the heart of every Baptist and of every Christian, because it is a work that Christ has given his churches. It should, therefore, secure the hearty support of every Baptist, of every Christian and of every Association.

W. R. GWALTNEY, Chm'n Com.

Bro. Mills addressed the body, after which a collection was taken for the Orphanage amounting to 51.00.

Bro. W. S. Watkins offered the following report, which was laid on the table till to-morrow morning:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday School embraces one of the most important duties of God's people. In the light of revelation all will admit that the child should be brought up in the way he should go. In the Sunday School the word of God is taught and accompanied by such admonitions as are calculated to make the child wise unto salvation through faith in Jesus. We have noticed, with pleasure, the good results growing out of properly conducted Sunday Schools. Our rising generation should be taught the truth of God's holy word, and in no place can this be done more successfully than in a well-conducted Sunday School.

W. S. WATKINS, Chm'n Com.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

On motion of Brother Wilson, the churches asking them were granted letters to form a new association.

On motion of Brother Valentine, the Clerk was instructed to settle with the missionaries, and also to pay the remainder of our pledge to State Missions; and that the remainder be equally divided among the two divisions of the Association. Bro. Valentine moved that the Clerk be paid his usual fee.

Bro. Poteat offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Association are due, and are hereby expressed to the members of the church and the citizens of the community for delightful entertainment.

The Body then adjourned to time and place appointed.

F. H. JONES, *Moderator.*

B. H. PHILLIPS, *Clerk.*

STATISTICAL TABLE.

NAMES CHURCHES.	PASTOR.	POST OFFICE.	CLERK.	POST OFFICE.	Received by baptism.	Received by letter.	Dismissed by letter.	Excluded.	Restored.	Died.	Number of Males.	Number of Females.	Total.
Peck's	P. Oliver	Dalton's, N. C	J. S. Lawrence	Bethania, N. C	2		4				16	12	28
Beaver Island	W. H. Wilson	Madison, N. C	J. A. Vernon	Mayo, N. C	2								76
Peulah	W. B. Wingate	Yanceyville, N. C	J. C. King	Hamar, N. C	2			3	1	2	27	47	74
Buchanan	None		M. S. Whittington	McLeansville, N. C			3	1			12	12	24
Clement	J. H. Vernon	Roxboro, N. C	J. B. Pleasants	Roxboro, N. C							10	37	47
Ephesus	J. H. Lamberth	" "	J. P. Woody	Mt. Carmel, Va	4	7	3			1			124
Friendship					3						25	64	89
Goodwill	J. T. Vernon	Madison, N. C	R. Stanley	Walkertown, N. C	2					1	14	48	62
Greensboro	W. R. Gwaltney	Greensboro, N. C	W. W. Rowe	Greensboro, N. C	2	19	20			1			115
Kay Fork	R. W. Crews	Germanton, N. C	D. R. Webster	Madison, N. C	12								45
Kerr's Chapel	J. H. Vernon	Roxboro, N. C	T. Y. Baynes	Anderson's Store, N. C	2	1	3			1	29	49	78
Leaksville	J. B. Richardson	High Point, N. C	C. G. Jones, Sr	Leaksville, N. C	11	10	33	1		5			183
Lewisville	S. F. Conrad	Lewisville, N. C	E. H. Wright	Lewisville, N. C				7			8	6	14
Madison	W. H. Wilson	Madison, N. C	T. B. Lindsay	Douglas, N. C	22	1	3			2	23	61	84
Milton	L. E. Spence	Sutherlin, Va	J. J. Yarboro	Milton, N. C	2		2	3		1	20	35	55
Mt. Olive	R. W. Crews	Germanton, N. C	A. M. Boyles	Slate, N. C	8						34	77	111
Oak Ridge	" " "	" "	P. D. Watkins	Watkinsville, N. C	2		5			1	23	41	65
Providence (Rock. Co.)	W. H. Wilson	Madison, N. C	S. W. Carter	Leaksville, N. C	9			3		3			81
Providence, Casw'l Co.	W. B. Wingate	Yanceyville, N. C	A. C. Jarvis	Purley, N. C	20	2		1			49	14	63
Peter's Creek			Geo. Watkins	Elko, N. C									
Red Bank	W. H. Wilson	Madison, N. C	Z. T. Marshall	Germanton, N. C	2	2					32	42	74
Reidsville	B. H. Phillips	Reidsville, N. C	Scott Willliams	Reidsville, N. C	1	17	17	2		1	57	125	182
Sharon	W. H. Wilson	Madison, N. C	Robt. Brown	Adelaide, N. C									44
Summerfield			J. W. Winchester	Scatesville, N. C						1	14	36	44
Shiloh	W. B. Wingate	Yanceyville, N. C	W. Lea	Hamer, N. C	3	2	2	2		4	56	90	146
Trinity	C. G. Jones	" "	T. Slade	Lenox Castle, N. C		4					13	25	38
Waughtown	J. B. Richardson	High Point, N. C	R. C. Charles	Salem, N. C	22	5	2	4	1	1	54	59	113
Westfield	Wm Beamer		J. M. Jessup	Westfield, N. C									
Winston	H. A. Brown	Winston, N. C	C. G. Strayhorn	Winston, N. C	6	18	6	2	2	2	61	115	176
Yanceyville	W. B. Wingate	Yanceyville, N. C	J. L. C. Kerr	Yanceyville, N. C	3	6	6	5	2	3	36	88	124
Mt. Hermon	W. H. Wilson	Madison, N. C	G. C. Pennix	Berry, N. C									49

AMOUNTS CONTRIBUTED.

CHURCH.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Orphanage.	Minute Fund.
Beck's	$ 5 05	$ 25	$ 75	$ 6 05		$ 75
Beaver Island	9 20			5 00		75
Beulah	30 80	5 00	9 80	8 35	$ 57 00	1 90
Buchanan	3 00					50
Clement	7 30		2 60	6 25	14 05	1 50
Ephesus	24 00	2 00		15 00	6 00	3 00
Friendship	10 00	3 00	5 00	10 00		1 00
Goodwill	5 00					80
Greensboro	12 60	10 13	5 36	9 16	60 00	2 00
Kay Fork	10 00			7 50		50
Kerr's Chapel	3 00	1 43	1 43	10 00		1 50
Leaksville	66 00	7 75	12 75	60 00	50 82	3 00
Lewisville	25 00	5 00		25 00		1 00
Madison	15 00		9 50	5 00		1 50
Milton	9 05		4 85	8 26		1 80
*Mt. Olive						1 25
Oak Ridge		3 83		3 83		
Providence (Rock. Co.)	9 00	2 75	4 00	18 70		1 60
Providence (Cas. Co.)	8 86			13 00		1 40
Peter's Creek	10 00					
Red Bank	16 00		8 86	17 35		3 00
Reidsville	10 75		13 15	28 44		1 50
Sharon	5 00		3 00	3 00		1 00
Summerfield	10 00	6 50		10 00		1 50
Shiloh	54 45		5 00	20 00		3 50
Trinity	10 00		4 00	4 00		1 75
Waughtown	18 36		3 91	14 50	8 52	1 10
Westfield						1 50
Winston	85 00		33 18	60 00		2 00
Yanceyville	58 00		18 00	23 50		1 34
Mt. Hermon	7 00		3 00	8 50		1 50

* "Former pledges redeemed."

Pastors' Salaries, and Other Items.

CHURCH.	Pastor's Salary.	Church Repair.	Incidental.	Other objects.
Winston	$ 650 00		$ 100 66	$ 150 00
Madison	135 00	$ 250 00		
Waughtown	150 00			
Reidsville	750 00		3 00	
Clement	100 00			
Greensboro	700 00			
Lewisville	100 00			
Leaksville	200 00			

N. B.—It will be seen from this statement that only eight churches out of thirty-one report Pastor's salary. Will the Clerks please state them next year?

SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND OTHER SOCIETIES.

CHURCHES.	Superintendents.	Pupils.	Aver. Attend.	Am'ts. Con.
Leaksville	T. G. Taylor	130	......	$152 00
Beck's	J. Q. Hutchins	40	25	......
Goodwill	D. Linville	35	20	......
Friendship	T. M. Baker	31	......	......
Reidsville	A. J. Smith	100	75	......
Buchanan	Geo. Buchanan	35	27	......
Madison	......	26	......	......
Beulah	J. C. King	50	32	......
Summerfield } 2 Schools }	Wm. Kase	......	40	......
	J. M. Burton	......		......
Yanceyville	B. Lawnes	65	......	37 40
Winston	I. W. Durham	250	160	104 00
Providence (Cas. Co.),	S. T. Ware	......	35	......
Red Bank	A good School	......	......	......
Beaver Island	A good School	......	......	......
Waughtown	No Statement	......	......	......
Lewisville	E. H. Wright	......	......	......
Greensboro	A. G. Newell	......	89	......
Shiloh	......	95	......	27 81
Ephesus	......	70	......	......
Milton	......	79	......	75 00

CHURCHES.	Ladies' Aid Societies.	Am'ts. Con.
Reidsville	......	$45 00
Yanceyville	......	53 00
Winston	For Foreign Missions	33 00
Greensboro	......	30 85

N. B.—The amounts collected by these Aid Societies have been contributed to the different objects of the Baptist State Convention.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

On hand from last year	$ 15 70
Received of Finance Committee :	
For State Missions	431 34
For Foreign Missions	99 20
For Home Missions	16 00
For Education	235 60
For Sunday Schools	8 60
For Minute Fund	46 34
Collection for State Misssions	12 00
Total	$865 78

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid R. W. Crews, Missionary	$ 25 00
Paid D. G. Taylor, Missionary	12 00
Paid W. H. Wilson, Missionary	50 00
Paid C. G. Jones, Jr., Missionary	129 00
Paid J. H. Caudle, Missionary	25 00
Sent to F. H. Briggs for Foreign Missions	99 20
Sent to F. H. Briggs for Home Missions	16 00
Sent to F. H. Briggs for Education	235 00
Sent to F. H. Briggs for Sunday Schools	8 60
Paid John E. Ray, pledge to State Missions	87 00
Paid Clerk for services	15 00
Paid for printing Minutes	28 00
Paid for distributing Minutes	2 50
Balance on hand	133 48
Total	$865 78

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LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

NAME.	POST OFFICE.	
S. F. CONRAD	Lewisville,	N. C.
J. H. LAMBERTH	Roxboro,	“
J. H. VERNON	Longs X Roads,	“
W. H. WILSON	Madison,	“
R. R. MOORE	Greensboro,	“
W. R. GWALTNEY	Greensboro,	“
J. J. JAMES	Yanceyville,	“
W. L. WRIGHT	Reidsville,	“
W. B. WINGATE	Yanceyville,	“

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

PROVIDENCE, N. C., August 5th, 1886.

According to adjournment the Beulah Association met in its annual session with this church to-day at 11 o'clock.

Bro. W. R. Gwaltney preached the Introductory sermon from John 12th chapter, 24th verse. After a recess of an hour, the Association was called to order by Dr. C. A. Rominger. P. N. Howard was requested to act as clerk pro tem. Religious exercises conducted by Elder Jenkens.

On motion the roll of churches was called, letters read and delegates enrolled as follows:

1. *Beaver Island*—John Poole, Jas. Hall and Jas. Vernon.
2. *Beulah*—W. W. Slade, J. A. Hall and T. H. Hudgens.
3. *Buchanan*—J. C. West, W. P. West and Charlie Buchanan.
4. *Clement*—J. B. Hudgens, R. H. Malone and N. T. Williams.
5. *Ephesus*—J. L. Williams, J. L. Dixons and J. W. Bennett.
6. *Elm Grove*—Not represented.
7. *Greensboro*—W. R. Gwaltney, R. R. Moore and R. T. Hanner.
8. *Kerr's Chapel*—W. R. Sartin, L. C. Walker and W. P. Pool.
9. *Madison*—J. M. Lindsay, N. Pool and J. T. Simpson.
10. *Milton*—J. J. Yarbrough, J. B. Walters and T. O. Jones.
11. *Providence*—A. C. Davis, C. Sledge and W. W. Wilkerson.
12. *Reidsville*—W. T. Baynes, R. H. Wray and J. N. Blair.
13. *Sharon*—T. R. Shreve, John Laster and Wm. Miller.
14. *Summerfield*—J. M. Burton, T. A. Wilson and J. W. Winchester.
15. *Shiloh*—J. B. Yarbrough, Bird Griffin and Hartwell Myers.
16. *Trinity*—A. Graves, Sr., W. L. Gwyn, C. J. Yarbrough.

17. *Yanceyville*—W. B. Graves, J. J. James and Spencer B. Adams.

The Association proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the election of Dr. C. A. Rominger, of Reidsville, Moderator and Spencer B. Adams, of Yanceyville, Clerk.

The Moderator then extended an invitation to visiting brethren, and the following responded:

E. B. Chaney, C. G. Jones, of the Roanoke Association; E. M. Poteat and Professor W. L. Poteat, of Wake Forest College; Elder Jenkens and Bro. Farriss, of the RECORDER; J. H. Mills, of the Baptist Orphanage.

Upon motion, the Moderator appointed the following committees:

Order of Business—W. R. Gwaltney, W. L. Wright and S. F. Conrad.

On Finance—J. M. Lindsay, P. N. Howard and R. H. Wray.

On Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of Providence church.

On time and place of next meeting—Az. Graves, W. B. Graves and Rev. J. J. James.

To nominate a new Executive Board—J. N. Blair, W. W. Wilkerson and Elder W. H. Wilson.

On Arrangements—J. H. Lamberth, W. L. Wright and Thos. H. Hudgens.

Bro. Gwaltney moved that the body meet at 10 o'clock a. m., spend 30 minutes in religious exercises, adjourn at 12, meet at 2 p. m., and adjourn at will.

On motion of Bro. W. B. Graves, the Association adjourned.

Prayer by Bro. C. G. Jones.

SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY, August 6th, 1886.

Association met according to adjournment, and after religious exercises for 30 minutes, conducted by Bro. Rominger, the Moderator called the Association to order. Roll was called.

Proceedings of yesterday read and approved.

The report of the committee on the order of business was read by Bro. Gwaltney, and upon motion the report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Report of Committee Baptist Orphanage.
2. Report of Committee on Periodicals.
3. Report of Committee on State Missions.
4. Report of Executive Board on Associational Missions.
5. Report of Ministerial Education.
6. Report of Foreign Missions.
7. Report of Home Missions.
8. Report of Sunday Schools.
9. Report of Obituaries.
10. Report of Time and place of next meeting.
11. Report of Com. to nominate new Executive Board.
12. Report of Committee on Finance.

Respectfully, W. R. GWALTNEY,
W. L. WRIGHT,
J. H. LAMBERTH.

The Moderator then extended an invitation to the visiting brethren and the following responded: Elder J. T. Martin, of the Roanoke Association and Bro. John E. Ray.

Upon motion of Bro. W. B. Wingate, a collection was taken up for the purpose of building a church at Greensboro, which amounted to $181.00 in cash and pledges.

Bro. W. R. Gwaltney read the report on Baptist Orphanage, and after its being discussed by Bro. Gwaltney, J. H. Mills and others, upon motion, it was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

This Institution, though not two years old, has been unparalleled in its growth and prosperity, no cause ever appealing so effectually unto our people. Four buildings of the most improved style of orphan-houses have been erected and are already occupied by thirty-five (35) orphan children and others are soon to come. It is proposed to erect four other buildings this summer. A chapel is greatly needed, that the children may have a suitable place in which to worship God and to be taught his word. Mrs. Fannie B. Lea, of Beulah church, has given $400 for this purpose and six hundred dollars now will be needed to finish the building. Are there not others in this Association who will give like or help? All the churches are expected to make regular contributions to meet current expenses. Let every pastor and member of the churches give regularly and liberally to this good cause. W. R. GWALTNEY.

The report of the Committee on Periodicals was offered by Bro. W. B. Graves, and after being discussed by Bro. Farriss, of the *Recorder*, and others, was, upon motion, adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee urge the brethren and sisters of our churches to take and read the *Biblical Recorder*, the *Foreign Mission Journal*, *Kind Words* and *Wake Forest Student*. We further urge the Pastors to see to it that their members take these papers, and that they read them carefully. No Baptist can be informed upon the work of our denomination in the State, nor be properly interested in it through any other source. N. B. GRAVES.

The time having arrived for adjournment, the Association took a recess of an hour and a half.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met according to adjournment. Prayer was led by Bro. James.

Report of Committee on State Missions was read by Bro. Gwaltney, and, after remarks by Bro. John E. Ray, Elder S. F. Conrad and others, upon motion, was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE MISSIONS.

The State Mission Board of the Baptist State Convention has in its employ sixty-five missionaries laboring in both town and country—thirteen paying. Ten more men engaged in this work than ever before. The results of this work this year have been far greater than any previous year in our history. Several hundred have been baptized, and meeting houses built; new fields are opening up; men are saying to the Board, "Here am I, send me.',

The great need of the Board is the means to pay their earnest and faithful men for their work. Some of our missionaries have received no pay for six and even nine months. Shall we let the men who are toiling faithfully, and whose labors God is blessing so abundantly suffer for the necessities of life? Let us enlarge our contributions and pray to God to send out more laborers in his vineyard. "Let us go up and possess the land." W. R. GWALTNEY.

Upon motion of Bro. W. B. Wingate, Ministerial Education was made the special order for to-morrow immediately after noon.

Upon motion of Bro. Wright the Association adjourned till ten o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Bro. Wright.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

SATURDAY, Aug. 7, 1886.

The Association convened at the usual hour, and after religious exercises the Moderator called the body to order. The clerk then read the minutes of the preceding day, and, upon motion, they were adopted. The Moderator announced the following committees for the ensuing year:

On Education—W. B. Wingate, W. W. Wilkerson.
On Periodicals—J. H. Lamberth, W. G. Graves.
On State Missions—W. R. Gwaltney, W. B. Graves.
On Associational Missions—W. L. Wright, P. N. Howard.
On Foreign Missions—S. F. Conrad, Az. Graves.
On Home Missions—W. H. Wilson, J. M. Lindsay.
On Baptist Orphanage—R. R. Moore, A. G. Novell.
On Sunday Schools—J. N. Blair, A. J. Smith.
On Obituaries—W. R. Gwaltney, J. H. Lamberth.

Letters were presented from Bro. F. H. Jones, Bro. H. A. Brown, Bro. Thos. H. Walker and Bro. Wm. Turner, and special prayer was offered for these brethren by Rev. J. H. Lamberth.

The report of the Executive Board was read by Bro. Gwaltney, and, upon motion, was adopted.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Executive Board beg leave to submit the following report:

Rev. R. R. Moore has labored during the past Associational year at Piney Grove, six miles south-east of Greensboro. Rev. Moore reports this as a very encouraging field; his congregations are good, and the people of the community are anxious that he shall build a house of worship and organize a church; and to this end one man has given a very desirable lot on which to build, and many have made liberal subscriptions. Rev. Moore expects to hold a service of meetings at this point some time during this year. The Board pledged Rev. Moore $50.90 for his services at this place. $45.00 of this have been paid—five dollars still due. Bro. Moore is giving the other three Sundays in each month to pioneer work in Guilford county. He has preached at two points in the southern portion of the county, one twenty miles and the other eleven miles south of Greensboro. These he reports as points of great promise. He is also preaching at Gibsonville, on the North Carolina Railroad, between Greensboro and Company Shops. His congregations there are very large, and the people want him to hold a protracted meeting. All of Bro. Moore's work, except that at Piney Grove, he has been doing without any compensation, which we cannot afford to ask him to do any longer.

Rev. S. F. Conrad is preaching once a month at Buchanan, five miles east of Greensboro. The church there pays him $50.00, and our Board has promised him $50.00 more; only $12.50 of this amount has been paid. Rev. Conrad is greatly encourrged in his work there. He also preaches on Sunday afternoon at a point about four and one half miles from Buchanan, at which place he draws large congregations. They have fixed up a bush arbor, and desire him to hold a meeting of days this summer or fall. For his afternoon work he receives no compensation.

Rev. J. H. Lamberth is preaching once per month at Lea Bethel. The Board agreed at last Association to appropriate $100.00 at this place—nothing has yet been paid by the Board. Bro. Lamberth reports large congregations and the outlook very promising; $55.28 have been raised and expended on the church—$8.08 for song books. Its protracting meeting was held, in which Rev. W. B. Wingate aided. Thirteen professed faith in Christ, and two additions. Bro. Wingate was paid $13.50 for his sevices; $20,00 has been paid Bro. Lamberth during the year.

REV. B. H. PHILLIPS:

The Board at its first meeting at Lewiston agreed to appropriate $50.00 to Bro. Phillips, at Summerfield. After making two other visits to this church he was called to another field, and only nine dollars of the sum promised was paid. Bro. W. H. Wilson has been preaching to this church for several months, but there is as yet no understanding between the church and the Board to any appropriation.

Your boards recommend that funds for Associational Missions be sent up promptly and regularly to the Union Meetings and that each church send three delegates, and that the ministers all regularly attend the Union Meetings.

W. R. GWALTNEY, *Chm'n.*

The report of committee to nominate a new Executive Board was read, and, upon motion, was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE A NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD.

W. R. Gwaltney, W. L. Wright, W. B. Wingate, W. G. Graves, M. A. Allen and Dr. C. A. Rominger.

The report on Foreign Mission was read by Bro. W. B. Wingate, and after discussion by J. H. Lamberth and others, was adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

A great awakening of Christian hearts and minds to thoughts of duty, and prayers for blessing on the heathen world is moving us to-day.

'Tis not only the Macedonian cry of these blind ones, but the voice of Jesus our leader, the voice of the Lord Almighty saying, "Let my name be exalted among the heathen" that wakes us and thrills us.

We are answering: more men are going, more money is being given, and more prayers ascending, than the ages have ever known before.

What shall be the position of this Association? Shall we wait for the laggards, the idlers, the drones, and the covetous ones?

Nay, but oh! men and brethren, in the name of the Lord of Hosts let us set up our banners and go to possess the land.

Brother Messenger: What are you doing, what is your church doing to possess the land? We charge you before God and men that ye be not faithless to the solemn command of God.

Respectfully,

W. B. WINGATE,
J. C. KING,
Committee.

On motion of Bro. Gwaltney, the roll of churches were called, and pledges taken for Foreign Missions:

Beaver Island	$ 5 00	Providence	$ 10 00
Beulah	15 00	Reidsville	25 00
Buchanan	5 00	Sharon	3 00
Clement	10 00	Summerfield	5 00
Ephesus	10 00	Shiloh	20 00
Kerr's Chapel	10 00	Trinity	10 00
Madison	10 00	Greensboro	15 00
Milton	5 00	Yanceyville	40 00

Total $198 00

The hour having arrived for the Special order, Associational Missions was taken up.

On motion of Bro. Wingate, individual pledges was taken for this purpose, which resulted as follows:

Dr. Rominger	$ 10 00	E. G. Covington	$ 5 00
S. B. Adams	5 00	J. H. Lamberth	5 00
W. G. Graves	5 00	Rev. W. R. Gwaltney	5 00
J. B. Yarbrough	5 00	J. L. Williams	5 00
Azariah Graves	5 00	W. R. Bryant	5 00
P. N. Howard	5 00	W. B. Wingate	5 00
Rev. W. H. Wilson	5 00	Mrs. Lea	5 00
A. C. Davis	5 00	Mrs. Womack	5 00
Wm. Lea	5 00	W. B. Graves	5 00

Total $ 95 00

Upon motion the roll of churches and pledges was taken for Associational Missions:

Beaver Island	——	Milton	$ 5 00
Beulah	$ 15 00	Providence	15 00
Buchanan	3 00	Reidsville	35 00
Clement	5 00	Sharon	——
Ephesus	5 00	Summerfield	——
Elm Grove	——	Shiloh	10 00
Greensboro	5 00	Trinity	10 00
Kerr's Chapel	10 00	Yanceyville	15 00
Madison	5 00		

Total $138 00

Upon motion of Bro. Wingate, the roll of churches was called, and pledges taken for State Missions, which resulted as follows:

Beaver asland	$ 10 00	Milton	10 00
Beulah	45 00	Providence	20 00
Buchanan	3 00	Reidsville	50 00
Clement	15 00	Sharon	10 00
Ephesus	30 00	Summerfield	7 50
Elm Grove	——	Shiloh	50 00
Greensboro	15 00	Trinity	15 00
Kerr's Chapel	10 00	Yanceyville	60 00
Madison	20 00		

The Association took a recess of an hour and a half. Prayer by Bro. Gwaltney.

The Association convened according to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. Stallings.

Dr. C. A Rominger having been elected Moderator of the Association, resigned as its Treasurer. P. N. Howard, of Yanceyville, was elected Treasurer by acclamation. The hour having arrived, special order of business, Ministerial Education, and after being discussed by J. H. Lamberth, E. M. Poteat, J. N. Stallings, W. L. Poteat. C. A. Jenkens and others, the roll of churches was called and pledges taken which resulted as follows:

Beaver Island	——	Providence	——
Greensboro	$ 15 00	Reidsville	$ 36 00
Beulah	——	Sharon	——
Buchanan	——	Summerfield	7 50
Clement	15 00	Shiloh	25 00
Ephesus	15 00	Trinity	10 00
Kerr's Chapel	5 00	Elm Grove	3 50
Madison	——	Yanceyville	——
Milton	3 00		

Report of Committee on Home Missions was read by Bro. C. A. Jenkens. Upon motion, was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

Without opportunity to gather accurate information and statistics touching the Home Mission work, your committee cannot do more than emphasize the importance of the work. The blessed fruits of this Board are seen in many of the cities of our Southland, and particularly should the marked progress of the denomination in Florida, Alabama, Louisiana and North Carolina receive mention. Without any help of this Board many important places must continue long to remain waste; therefore, your committee is of opinion that the Home Board should receive greater attention at the hands of our people; we therefore suggest that the pastors of this Association bring the matter earnestly before their churches during the coming year, and seek to raise at least $75.00 for the Home Board.

C. A. JENKENS.

Report on Sunday Schools was read by Rev. E. M. Poteat, and on motion, was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday School Board located at Raleigh has for its object the establishment and direction of Sunday Schools. Bro. John E. Ray is its Secretary. It has opened a Sunday School supply store which furnishes the best literature at lowest prices. The churches have at last come to feel that the Sunday School is a necessary part of church organization; and that the church which has no such place for the instruction of old and young is loosing one of its greatest agencies. The Beulah Association realises this, and accordingly almost every church within our bounds has its Sunday Schools,—some having control of more than one. But this is not an excuse for falling off in our support of this work, but, on the contrary, encouragement to yet larger effort. Let the brethren go home from this meeting with new enthusiasm, an enthusiasm which shall bring yet more, old or young, into this blessed work of training souls for the church and for God.

Respectfully submitted,

ED. M. POTEAT,
C. G. JONES, JR,,
Committee.

Report of Finance Committe read, and on motion, adopted.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Baptist Orphanage.	Minute Fund.	Total.
Beaver Hill	$ 12 65	$ 5 00	$	$ 5 00	$	90	23 50
Beulah	35 00	5 00	2 65			1 50	44 15
Buchanan	3 50			3 00		50	7 00
Clement	10 00	14 17		15 00		3 81	42 98
Ephesus	25 90	18 66				3 00	46 96
Elm Grove							
Greensboro						1 50	
Madison	20 00	15 00		2 50		1 50	39 00
Milton	6 00	6 00	2 75	2 80		1 50	19 05
Providence	3 21		1 55				4 76
Reidsville						3 00	3 00
Sharon	5 00	5 00				80	10 80
Summerfield	12 92	6 00				1 00	19 92
Shiloh	21 00						21 00
Trinity		2 00		1 10		1 50	4 60
Yanceyville		5 32			6 00	1 72	11 32
Kerr's Chapel		5 25	2 40	5 25	3 50	1 42	17 82
	$155 18	$87 40	$ 9 35	$33 65	$ 9 50	$22 15	$312 84

Report of committee on time and place, was read and adopted. Committee report as the place selected by them for the next Association, Reidsville, Rockingham county, and the time Thursday before the second Sunday in August, 1887.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Bro. W. B. Wingate was appointed to preach the Introductory sermon of the next Association, J. H. Lamberth alternate.

Bro. Wright moved that the Clerk be paid his usual fee out of the Minute Fund, and the balance of said fund to be expended in printing minutes for the Association.

On motion of Bro. Lindsay, the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Association are due and are hereby expressed to the members of this church and the citizens of this community, for kindness shown.

The body then adjourned to the time and place appointed.

C. A. ROMINGER, Moderator.

SPENCER B. ADAMS, Clerk.

Sunday School and Other Statistics.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	PUPILS.	AVER. ATTENDANCE.	AMT'S. CONTRIBUTED.
Beaver Island	L. T. Highfill		30	
Beulah	J. C. King	42	27	
Buchanan	M. S. Whittington	28	20	$ 2 00
Clement	T. Y. Fitzgerald	80	50	4 17
Ephesus		70		
Elm Grove				
Greensboro				
Kerr's Chapel				
Madison	Frank Webster	63	40	3 09
Milton		75	50	
Providence				
Reidsville	C. A. Rominger	180	140	
Sharon				
Summerfield	Wm. H. Case	45		
"	J. M. Burton	30		
Shiloh	W. H. Kersey	65	25	15 00
Trinity				
Yanceyville	B. Lownes			11 00

Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	Received by Baptism.	Received by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Restored.	Died.	Number of Males.	Number of Females.	Total.
Beaver Island	W. H. Wilson	Madison, N. C.	J. A. Vernon	Mayo, N. C.	11		4	1		2	23	58	81
Beulah	W. B. Wingate	Yanceyville, N. C.	J. C. King	Hamer, N. C.	2	4	1	5		1	26	50	76
Buchanan	S. F. Conrad	Louisville, N. C.	W. S. Whittington	McLainsville, N. C.	2			1			11	14	25
Clement	J. H. Lamberth	Roxboro, N. C	I. B. Pleasants	Long's X Roads, N C	30	1			1		25	55	80
Ephesus	" "	" "	J. P. Woody	Mt. Carmel, Va		3	4	4		2	45	71	116
Elm Grove													
Greensboro	W. R. Gwaltney												
Kerr's Chapel													
Madison	W. H. Wilson	Madison, N. C.	T. P. Lindsay	Madison, N. C	7	2				1	24	68	92
Milton			J. J. Yarbrough	Milton, N. C.			2			3	19	33	52
Providence	W. B. Wingate	Yanceyville, N. C.	A. C. Davis	Purley, N. C	9	2		2			14	48	62
Reidsville	W. L. Wright	Reidsville, N. C.	Scott Williams	Reidsville, N. C	27	19	15	7	1	3	62	125	187
Sharon	W. H. Wilson	Madison, N. C.	B. Brown	Adelaide, N. C	3		2				10	30	40
Summerfield	" "	" "	J. W. Winchester	Scalesville, N. C.			1			1	13	22	35
Shiloh	W. B. Wingate	Yanceyville, N. C.	Wm. Lea	Hamer, N. C.	4	1	7	1		2	61	86	147
Trinity													
Yanceyville	W. B. Wingate	Yanceyville, N. C.	B. S. Graves	Yanceyville, N. C.	14	6	5	5			39	80	119

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E. M. Poteat, A. B., Assistant Professor of Languages.
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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

DR. C. A. ROMINGER, Moderator, Reidsville, N. C.
SPENCER B. ADAMS, Clerk, Yanceyville, N. C.
P. N. HOWARD, Treasurer, Yanceyville, N. C.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS OF THE BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

NAME.	POST-OFFICE.	
S. F. Conrad	Lewisville,	N. C.
J. H. Lamberth	Roxboro,	"
J. H. Vernon	Long's X Roads,	"
W. H. Wilson	Madison,	"
R. R. Moore	Greensboro,	"
W. R. Gwaltney	Greensboro,	"
J. J. James	Yanceyville,	"
W. L. Wright	Reidsville,	"
C. A. G. Thomas	Yanceyville,	"

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

BAPTIST CHURCH AT REIDSVILLE, N. C.,
Rockingham Co., August 11th, 1887.

The Beulah Baptist Association met in its Fifty-third Annual Session with the church at this place.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. C. G. Jones, of the Roanoke Association of Virginia, from Phillipians 3d chapter, 12th, 13th and 14th verses.

Ater the sermon the Association took a recess till half past two P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After devotional exercises, conducted by Dr. J. D. Hufham of Scotland Neck, the Moderator, Dr. C. A. Rominger, called the Association to order.

The roll of the churches was called and the delegates enrolled as follows:

1. *Beaver Island*—James A. Johnson, J. A. Highfield and J. A. Vernon.
2. *Beulah*—Wm. R. Pleasant, J. C. King and T. L. Lea.
3. *Buchanan*—Not represented.
4. *Clement*—W. W. Walsh, H. A. Ragan and C. E. Vernon.
5. *Ephesus*—J. P. Woody, S. P. Gentry and R. B. Bass.
6. *Elm Grove*—Not represented
7. *Greensboro*—A. G. Newell, J. W. White and W. R. Burgess.
8. *Kerr's Chapel*—W. R. Sartin, J. H. Hurdle and W. S. Walker
9. *Madison*—D. W. Busick, T. B. Lindsay and Thomas Wall.
10. *Milton*—J. J. Yarborough.
11. *Providence*—S. T. Ware, W. W. Wilkerson and J. A. Boswell.
12. *Reidsville*—A. K. Reid, A. J. Smith and Scott Williams.
13. *Sharon*—J. M. Banes, W. A. Miller and J. H. Lester.
14. *Summerfield*—J. M. Barton, J. L. Lane and J. A. Wilson.
15. *Shiloh*—W. G. Graves, Thomas Allen and W. H. Kirsey.
16. *Trinity*—Azariah Graves, Thomas Slade and C. J. Yarborough.
17. *Yanceyville*—S. B. Adams, W. B. Graves and B. S. Graves

The roll of delegates were called and the organization completed.

The officers of the Association were elected as follows:

Dr. C. A. Rominger, Moderator, and P. N. Howard, Treasurer.

The Clerk, with the assistance of Rev. W. L. Wright, read the letters from the different churches in the Association.

The committee on hospitalities assigned homes to the delegates.

The following standing committees were appointed :

On Education—Prof. W. L. Poteat and W. W. Wilkerson.
On Periodicals—Rev. J. H. Lamberth and W. G. Graves.
On State Missions—J. E. Ray and W. B Graves.
On Foreign Missions—Dr. Theo. Whitfield and Az. Graves.
On Baptist Orphanage—Rev. R. R. Moore, Dr. J. D. Hufham and A. G. Newell.
On Obituaries—Rev. J. H. Lamberth and Prof. W. L. Poteat.
On Finances—J. J. Yarbrough, T. B. Lindsay and Az. Graves.

On motion of Bro. Wright, the following was adopted as the time of meeting and adjourning of the Association at its present session :

Meet at 9:30 A. M.; adjourn at twelve; meet at 2:30 P, M., and adjourn at will; meet at 8½ at night and adjourn at will.

The Moderator extended an invitation to seats to visiting brethren when the following accepted : Central Association —Rev. C. S. Farriss, of the *Biblical Recorder* ; Prof. W. L. Poteat and Geo. W. Manly, of Wake Forest College ; Dr. Theo. Whitfied, Vice-President of the Foreign Mission Board for North Carolina ; J. E. Ray, Cor. Secretary of the Baptist State Convention ; Rev. Mr. Bostick, of Concord ; C. T. Wilson, of Roxboro ; Rev. C. A. G. Thomas, of Yanceyville ; Rev. E. M. Poteat, of Baltimore ; Bro. Royal, of Virginia ; Bros. Lynch and King, of Pilot Mountain Association ; Rev. C. G. Jones, of Blue Ridge Association ; and Bro. Bass, of Roanoke Association.

On motion of Rev. W. L. Wright, Foreign Missions was made the special order of business for to night's session.

Rev. J. H. Lamberth, for the committee, offered the report on Periodicals, and after being discussed by Dr. Theo. Whitfield, Prof. Geo. W. Manly, Rev. S. H. Thompson, Rev. C. A. G. Thomas, S. P. Gentry and others, was adopted :

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee urges every Baptist family to take and read the *Biblical Recorder. Foreign Mission Journal*, *Charity and Children* and *Wake Forest Stu-*

dent. In giving to each of the above named periodicals our thought and influence we are discharging a duty, which we owe to ourselves and to these literary enterprises of our denomination.

J. H. LAMBERTH,
W. G. GRAVES.

The Association took a recess till the stated hour.

NIGHT SESSION.

Religious exercises for half an hour was conducted by Dr. Theo. Whitfield.

The Association was then called to order.

The report on Foreign Missions was called for and read by Dr. Whitfield.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The latest letters from Bro. Yates give us the glad tidings that the church in Shanghai is enjoying a season of revivals. Four persons have been baptized others are awaiting the ordinance. Bros. Herring and Bryan are already preaching the gospel to the Chinese in the tongue wherein they were born. Bro. Yates is calling earnestly for reinforcements. So also is Dr. Graves. Miss Moon and Miss Young are pleading most touchingly for more female laborers in that benighted land. Bro. David is standing at his post in the spirit of the apostles. In Italy the gospel is making slow but sure and steady progress. Bro. Taylor, who has been in this country on account of ill health, expects to return at an early day, and we may expect that the mission will receive fresh life and vigor from his presence. In Brazil the work has been hindered somewhat by the absence in this country of Bro. Bagby on account of his health. Still there has been very gratifying progress. Bro. Bagby expects to return at an early day with reinforcements, and the early vigor of this mission will be reinstated. In Mexico the success of the gospel as preached by our missionaries is simply wonderful. The story reads like a chapter from the Acts of the Apostles. God calls us in many ways to increased activity and enlarged liberality in behalf of the heathen. The blessings which have attended the labors of our missionaries, the opening of the nations to the missionaries, the readiness of the people to hear the gospel, are so many separate calls of God to go forwerd.

THEO. WHITFIELD,
AZ. GRAVES.

On motion to adopt, the body was addressed by Elders Whitfield, Lamberth, Bostic and Bro. J. E. Ray.

Pending the adoption of the report, the roll of churches was called, and the following pledges made, to be paid between this and our next Association:

Beaver Island	$ 5 00	Reidsville	$100 00
Clement	12 50	Sharon	5 00
Ephesus	20 00	Summerfield	5 00
Greensboro	15 00	Trinity	10 00
Kerr's Chapel	10 00	Yanceyville	25 00
Madison	15 00		
Milton	5 00	Total	$237 50
Providence	10 00		

It was announced by Elder W. L. Wright that Elder Bostic would preach for the Association to-morrow morning at eleven o'clock.

The Association took a recess till to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY, August 12th, 1887.

After devotional exercises conducted by Bro. C. A. G. Thomas, of Yanceyville, the Association was called to order by the Moderator.

The roll of delegates was called and the proceedings of yesterday read and approved.

The Moderator announced the following Committee on Time and Place: T. B. Lindsay, Thos. Allen and R. B. Bass.

The Moderator extended a welcome to visiting brethren, when the following responded: S. H. Thompson, of Liberty Association; J. H. Mills, of the Baptist Orphanage; Prof. Averett, of Roanoke Female College; R. T. Vann, of Wake Forest College; H. A. Brown, C. G. Jones, jr., and Bro. Dallas, of Pilot Mountain Association. Bro. Craig, Pastor of Presbyterian Church, Reidsville, N. C., and Dr. Brackett, of Charleston, S. C., were observed in the audience, and the Moderator extended to them a hand of welcome.

Permission was given Bro. Farriss to go through the congregation and solicit subscribers to the *Biblical Recorder*.

Bro. Bostic preached for the Association according to announcement. After preaching the Association adjourned till the stated hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association re-assembled promptly and was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Rev. Ed. M. Poteat.

On motion, the special order, report on Associational Missions, was taken up, and after being discussed by Bros. Wright, Hufham and Rominger, was adopted, and the roll of churches called, and pledges taken, which resulted as follows:

Beaver Island	$ 5 00
Beulah	15 00
Clement	10 00
Ephesus	20 00
Greensboro	10 00
Kerr's Chapel	15 00
Madison	10 00
Providence	15 00
Milton	5 00
Reidsville	$100 00
Sharon	5 00
Summerfield	10 00
Shiloh	10 00
Trinity	10 00
Yanceyville	20 00
Lea Bethel	5 00
Total	$275 00

Upon motion of Bro. Wright, individual pledges were taken for Associational Missions, which resulted as follows:

C. A. Rominger	$10 00
W. L. Wright	5 00
M. A. Allen	5 00
G. V. Wood	5 00
Bro. Powell, Reidsville	5 00
W. T. Baynes	5 00
A. J. Smith	3 00
Mrs. Rominger	1 00
Mrs. Reid	1 00
Miss Lillie Morrison	1 00
Miss Ellie Frost	1 00
J. N. Hopkins	$ 2 00
J. L. Neal	2 00
Miss Mary Williamson	1 00
J. J. Yarbrough	5 00
S. B. Adams	10 00
P. N. Howard	5 00
Thomas Slade	1 00
W. H. Wilson	5 00
H. K. Reid	10 00
Total	$83 00

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

The work done during the past year. Lea Bethel—Bro. Lamberth has filled his appointments faithfully at this point. He reports large congregations and a growing interest. A church should be organized there at an early day. We must continue the work there. Bro. Lamberth has been paid by the field $12.

Summerfield—Bro. Wilson has been laboring there during this year. His labors have been blest. Bro. Wilson has been paid fifty dollars, the full amount promised.

Piney—Bro. Moore has labored here faithfully for the past year. He has a lot secured, and is getting ready to build.

Mission Chapel in Greensboro, through the labors of Bro. Gwaltney and the Greensboro brethren, a Mission Chapel has been built in Greensboro. A good Sunday is held there, and there is preaching by Bro. Gwaltney. This work has been done without calling for any help from the Board thus far, the chapel cost two hundred dollars.

The work before us.

No Association in North Carolina has more mission work to be done in proportion to territory than the old Beulah. There should be a man located in Greensboro to labor in Guilford county. Greensboro is destined to be soon one of the leading towns in North Carolina, and she cannot afford for the county surrounding it to be destitute of Baptist preaching. The destitution around Reidsville is also sad enough.

Our Associational map show about two-thirds of Rockingham county to be destitute of Baptist churches and Baptist preaching. We need a man located in Reidsville with a field lying around. The C. F. & Y. V. R. R. is going through our territory and little towns are springing up, all of these are missionary ground and should be seized by us at once.

Mayfield, near Reidsville, is an important field where there are already a few Baptists, and working in other lines because we have no church or mission work near them.

Gibsonville—Bro. Gwaltney and Bro. Moore have made a number of visits there. A lot has been selected for a church which can be bought on good terms. The people are anxious for a church to be built. The congregations are large. We ought to buy this lot at once and send a man to preach there.

At Cannon's School-house, near Greensboro, there are twelve or thirteen Baptists who should be organized.

SUGGESTIONS.

1. The time has come for this Association to go forward in this work. Not to go forward is to go backward.

2. We must have a better attendance at our Union meetings. The pastor must be there. The laymen must, if need, lay down their work and attend. Better Union meetings we must have.

3. This mission work is at our door. God expects us to do it, if not done by us, it will probably not be done at all.

4 For once, brethren, we can get the men—good men—men who are among the best in the State. No need to pray the Lord of the harvest for laborers, but pray that the church will support the laborers that are waiting to put in the sickle.

Sincerely,

W. L. WRIGHT,
P. N. HOWARD.

Upon motion, Bro. Bostic addressed the Association in the interest of building a Baptist Church at Concord, N. C., and a collection taken up for that purpose, which resulted in cash and pledges $80.00.

Upon motion the Baptist Orphanage was made the special order for this evening, and State Missions for to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Report of Committee on Finance adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

	State Missions.	Associational Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Home Missions.	Baptist Orphan'ge.	Printing of Minutes.	Am't sent up before the Asso. Mt'g.
Beaver Island	$10 00	$	$	$	$	$ 4 00	$ 1 00	$
Beulah	2 40			1 00	4 00		60	
Buchanan								
Clement	11 07	5 00		15 00			3 00	
Ephesus	30 00	5 00		15 00		25 00	3 00	
Elm Grove								
Kerr's Chapel			5 00	5 00			2 00	
Madison	12 25	5 00	10 00		1 00	3 30	1 00	
Milton	6 67½		4 62½	4 62½	4 62½		2 00	
Greensboro	1 00			8 34			1 50	
Providence	2 40						1 85	
Reidsville							3 00	
Sharon	2 50	5 00	1 50	1 00		77	1 00	
Shiloh	4 25						2 00	
Summerfield				7 00			1 15	
Trinity	1 50		4 00		1 00		2 00	
Yanceyville	10 20						2 35	
Mrs G. W. Payne				2 00				
Piney Mission		1 00						
	$94 30½	$21 00	$25 12½	$58 96½	$10 62½	$33 07	$27 45	267 60

J. J. YARBROUGH,
T. B. LINDSAY,
AZARIAH GRAVES,
Committee.

The Association then adjourned to the hour stated.

EVENING SESSION.

The Association convenes with religious exercises, conducted by Rev. Ed. M. Poteat.

The hour for the special order having arrived, the report on Baptist Orphanage was read by Dr. Hufham, and after being discussed by J. H. Mills and Dr. Hufham, was adopted :

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

Notwithstanding the financial stringency which has prevailed throughout the State the general manager has been enabled to carry the Institution through the year without debt. The Baptists of the State have contributed for its support about six thousand dollars. There are fifty-eight children now in the Institution. It is important that collections be made regularly to meet the wants of these little ones. Some improvements are urgently needed.

A printing office for the orphanage journal, *Charity and Children*, which is published at one dollar a year, should be promptly furnished. It will cost five hundred dollars, additional buildings are needed, among them a home for aged and indigent ministers. Thirteen hundred dollars are still due on one of the tracts of land and this debt should be paid. We commend the institution to the prayerful consideration of the members of the Association.

R. R. MOORE,
A. G. NEWELL.

Upon motiou of Dr. Hufham, a collection was taken up for the Baptist Orphanage.

Ministerial Education made the special order for to-morrow night.

The Association adjourned till 9:30 in the morning and received the benediction by Rev. R. T. Vann.

THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY, August 13th, 1887.

The Association convenes with religious exercises conducted by Bro. John E. Ray.

The invitation given to visiting brethren was responded to by Dr. A. R. Dickinson, editor of the *Religious Herald*.

The hour for the special order having arrived, report on State Missions was read, and after being discussed by C. S.

Farriss, Dr. Hufham, J. E. Ray and J. H. Lamberth, was adopted:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The State Mission Board has eighty-one missionaries in the field. God's blessing has signally rested on the labors of them all during the past year. At least one hundred should be under employment next year. By the wise management of this board we now occupy nearly every center of influence in the State, and if properly supported by the Associations, the years will not be many until in every county and neighborhood, we shall have self-sustaining churches. All who have watched over State mission work for at least ten years can see this. Every church and association should help Bro. Bostic build his church in Concord. This is now the most important town in the State in which we have no house of worship. And surely the time has come to send a good man to Guilford county. The man can be had if the money could be raised. We have the money in our churches, and surely for such a work so full of promise, the money can be raised. Let the association rise up in the strength of Israel's God and say it shall be done.

W. R. GWALTNEY,
Ch'm'n Committee.

The roll of churches was then called and pledges taken for State Missions, which resulted as follows:

Beaver Island	$ 10 00
Beulah	10 00
Clement	5 00
Ephesus	30 00
Greensboro	15 00
Kerr's Chapel	5 00
Madison	20 00
Milton	10 00
Providence	15 00
Reidsville	$ 50 00
Sharon	5 00
Summerfield	5 00
Shiloh	20 00
Trinity	15 00
Yanceyville	15 00
Total	$230 00

Dr. Hufham was allowed to make a statement in reference to Greenville Baptist Church.

The Moderator then announced the following to name a new Executive Board: A. Graves, J. H. Lamberth, W. L. Wright, W. H. Wilson and R. B. Bass.

Home Missions was made special order for 3 o'clock.

By permission, Dr. A. R. Dickinson was allowed to address the Association in the interest of the *Religious Herald*, and Prof. Jack Averett in the interest of Roanoke Female College.

The Association then adjourned till half past two, receiving the benediction from Dr. Dickinson.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association re-assembled, and after religious exercises, condncted by Rev. S. H. Thompson, was called to order.

Home Missions was postponed till three o'clock.

The Committee to nominate a new Executive Board made its report through Bro. Wright, and was adopted.

REPORT.

Your committee name for the new Executive Board:

C. A. Rominger, *Chairman;* M. A. Allen, *Treasurer*, and H. K. Reid, J. W. Winchester and R. B. Bass.

Respectfully,

A. GRAVES,
W. H. WILSON,
W. L. WRIGHT,
J. H. LAMBERTH.

The hour for the special order having arrived, report on Home Missions was read by Rev. W. H. Wilson.

Pending its adoption speeches were made by brethren Wilson, E. M. Poteat, Thompson and Dickinson.

A communication was read from Bro. A. G. McMannaway.

On motion of Bro. Wright, the Moderator is directed to apportion the amounts from the churches and to appoint some brother in each church to raise these amounts, and send them up to the Treasurer, Bro. Briggs.

Whereupon, the Moderator announced the following as the amounts for each church to pay, and the representatives of the Home Mission Board in the churches of this Association to collect said amounts for said purpose:

Church.	*Am't.*	*Representatives.*
Trinity	$ 5 00	P. N. Howard.
Yanceyville	10 00	S. B. Adams.
Kerr's Chapel	5 00	J. H. Hurdle.
Shiloh	5 00	W. G. Graves.
Providence	3 00	W. W. Wilkerson.
Reidsville	10 00	H. K. Reid.
Greensboro	5 00	W. G. Newell.
Milton	4 00	J. J. Yarbrough.
Beaver Island	3 00	J. A. Vernon.
Beulah	5 00	J. C. King.
Buchanan	2 00	W. S. Whittington.
Clement	5 00	I. B. Pleasants.
Ephesus	8 00	J. P. Woody,
Madison	4 00	T. B. Lindsay.
Sharon	2 00	B. Brown.
Summerfield	3 00	Dr. J. W. Winchester.
Elm Grove		(Missing to be supplied.)

The Committee on Time, Place and Preachers reported as follows:

The committee on time and place of next Annual Session of the Beulah Association beg leave to suggest, Yanceyville, Caswell county, as the place, Thursday before the 2nd Sabbath in August, 1888, as the time. We suggest Rev. J. H. Lamberth preach the introductory sermon; Rev. W. L. Wright, his alternate.

T. B. LINDAY,
R. B. BASS,
T. M. ALLEN,
Committee.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is doing a great work for the upbuilding of Christ's Kingdom. It is supplementing the missionary work done by the Mission Board in several of our Southern States. In Western North Carolina, in Texas, in New Orleans, in Cuba and among the colored people much is being done for the glory of our Master. The reports sent in by the missionaries of this Board, are of the most hopeful character. We urge upon our churches increased liberality in the support of this Board, We also recommend that some suitable person be appointed in each church whose duty it shall be to correspond with the Vice-President of the Board, and furnish the members of his church with such information as will keep them alive to the growing importance of the work of this Board

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. WILSON,
J. M. LINDSAY,
Committee.

Report adopted.

Report on Obituaries read as follows:

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Dr. A. G. Yancey, for a number of years a member of the Yanceyville church, died at his home there August 9th, 1887. He was near seventy years of age.

Mrs. Francis E. Lea, wife of Sidney S. Lea, and member of the Beulah church, died last year at her home near the church. She was far advanced in life, but she did not outlive her usefulness. Her liberality and charity passed beyond the limits of her community, and her name is known and revered in all parts of the State. Near to the last act of her life was the gift of a building for the care of orphaned children at Thomasville. More than one young preacher can testify to her sympathy and practical help in critical periods in their lives.

J. H. LAMBERTH,
W. L. POTEAT,

Report adopted.

Treasurer's report read and adopted.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

To amount collected at Milton for Foreign Missions	$ 6 71
By paid F. H. Briggs, Treasurer	6 71

Collected for Associational Missions:

To amount at Milton Union Meeting		$ 5 70
" " Kerr's Chapel Union Meeting		35 73
" " Sharon Union Meeting		22 33
" " Reidsville Association		94 75
		$158 51
By amount paid Rev. W. H. Wilson	$ 50 00	
" " " " R. R. Moore	50 00	
" " " " J. H. Lamberth	58 51	
		$158 51
Postage		46

P. N. HOWARD, *Treasurer.*

On motion, the Clerk is directed to have the Constitution and By-Laws printed in the minutes.

Adjourned to 8:30 P. M.

SATURDAY, 8:30 P. M.

The Association convenes with religious exercises, conducted by Bro. S. H. Thompson.

The hour for the special order having arrived the report on Education was taken up and discussed by Profs. Averett and W. L. Poteat, Dr. Dickinson and Rev. R. T. Vann.

Pending the adoption of the report a collection is taken, amounting to $25.63.

So many delegates having left, it is moved that the Moderator apportion the amounts for education to the churches and name one brother to raise and forward these amounts to F. H. Briggs, Treasurer North Carolina Baptist State Convention, Raleigh, N. C.

In obedience to the above motion, which was carried, the Moderator announced the following apportionments, &c. :

Church.	*Am't.*	*Committee.*	*Post Office.*
Beaver Island	$ 5 00	Rev. W. H. Wilson, Madison,	N. C.
Beulah	20 00	S. S. Lea, Hamner,	"
Buchanan	2 00	J. C. West, Greensboro,	"
Clement	15 00	Rev. J. H. Lamberth and J. H. Lamberth. Roxboro,	"
Ephesus	15 00	R. B. Bass, Roxboro,	"
Elm Grove			
Greensboro	15 00	W. R. Gwaltney, Greensboro,	"
Kerr's Chapel	5 00	J. H. Vernon, Long's X Roads,	"
Madison	10 00	Rev. W. H. Wilson, Madison,	"
Milton	5 00	Thomas F. Myers, Milton,	"
Providence	5 00	Silas Ware, Purley,	"
Reidsville	50 00	W. L. Wright, Reidsville,	"
Sharon	5 00	William Miller, Adelaide,	"
Summerfield	10 00	Rev. W. H. Wilson, Madison,	"
Shiloh	25 00	J. B. Yarbrough and Rev. C. A. G. Thomas, Milton,	"
Trinity	10 00	C. J. Yarbrough, Yanceyville,	"
Yanceyville	30 00	Rev. C. A. G. Thomas, "	"

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

In a time when the physical and practical phases of life are absorbing the interest and energies of the people at large we need to insist with special emphasis upon the elevating and humanizing tendency of higher education under Christian influence. The industrial spirit is abroad and under its domination the coming generation, if not this generation, seems likely to value money above character. We are in danger of forgetting the words of Scripture which declare that "man shall not live by bread alone." Education is not only to meet the demands of the times, but to modify those demands when they are unreasonable or excessive. Besides, great and complex issues will come up for final solution by the next generation, issues upon which depends not merely the perpetuity of our republican institutions and the Christian civilization of America, but also in great degree the destiny of the world for America holds the future, " the decision of these far reaching questions hinges upon the intelligence and spirit with which they are confronted. If they are wisely decided, it will be done by the educated Christians of this country; and North Carolina Christians are to bear no small share of this grave responsibility and in Wake Forest College the Baptists of the State have an institution of learning which meets with general respect and congratulation. Since the last meeting of this body three additional professors have entered upon their duties in the Faculty of the College, which now numbers nine; fifty thousand dollars, the gift of Mr. J. A. Bostwick, of New York City, have been added to the endowment, which has reached the sum of one hundred and four thousand dollars, and a handsome brick building devoted to the teaching of Chemistry has been begun and will be completed by October 1st. Last session there was a larger attendance of students than ever before, two hundred being enrolled. The College was never better prepared to do its work than now; though it is not what North Carolina Baptists are going to make it. Your committee would suggest it as the duty of every Baptist and particularly of our pastors to see that a much larger proportion of our young men secure the advantages which it offers. One of the most pleasing and reliable proofs of the improvement of education in the State is the mulplication and better equipment of academies; and many of them are controlled by Baptist men. Female education is no longer questionable; it is a necessity. The same consideration which urge the education of our boys apply to the education of our girls; but there are additional and peculiar reasons which make the education of the latter a thing which cannot be neglected. We believe that Oxford, Thomasville, Murfreesboro, Shelby and the Baptist college at Danville are seminaries worthy of the patronage of our people. The work of the education board of the State Convention bears no relation to Wake Forest College apart from the facts that the board is located there and the majority of the young preachers helped by it are educated there. The board can get no supplies from the endowment to meet its expenses. It pays the bills of its beneficaries for board and washing, the College making no charge for tuition of any ministerial student. For the money to pay these bills the Education Board must look directly to the churches. Thirty-six young preachers approved by their churches have been helped during the past session. We are seeking to enlarge the work of the Board, and on account of this fact and the stringency of the times it, like other departments of our work, has fallen behind.

W. L. POTEAT,
W. W. WILKERSON.

Adopted.

On motion, adjourned to meet with the church at Yanceyville, on Thursday before the second Sabbath in August, 1888.

Thus passed one of the most pleasant meetings of this body.

C. A. ROMINGER,
SPENCER B. ADAMS, *Clerk.* *Moderator.*

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.	CLERKS. POST OFFICES	Baptized.	Rec'd by Lett'r	Restored.	Total added.	Dis'd by Lett'r.	Excluded.	Died.	Total Loss.	No. of Males.	No. of Females.	Total.
Beaver Island	W. H. Wilson, Madison, N. C	J. A. Vernon, Mayo, N. C	6			6					25	63	88
Beulah		J. C. King, Hamer, N. C		2	1	3	6	2	2	10	22	45	67
Buchanan													
Clement	J. H. Lamberth, Roxboro, N. C	I. B. Pleasants, Hester's Store, N. C.	25	1	1	27	4	4	1	9	31	62	93
Ephesus	J. H. Lamberth, Roxboro, N. C	J. P. Woody, Mt. Carmel, Va	48	12	4	64	5	4	2	11	77	103	180
Elm Grove													
Greensboro	W. R. Gwaltney, Greensboro, N. C.	W. W. Rowe, Greensboro, N. C	9	22		31	10	3	3	16	53	79	132
Kerr's Chapel	J. H. Vernon, Long's X Roads, N. C	T. Y. Baynes, Anderson's Store							1	1	21	58	79
Madison	W. H. Wilson, Madison, N. C	T. B. Lindsay, Douglas' Store	8			8					26	70	96
Milton		J. J. Yarbrough, Milton					1			1	18	36	54
Providence	Rev. C. A. G. Thomas, Yanceyville	A. C. Davis, Purley	6			6	3	1	1	5	16	52	68
Reidsville	W. L. Wright, Reidsville, N. C	M. A. Allen, Reidsville	7	8	2	17	8	3	4	15	63	127	190
Sharon	W. H. Wilson, Madison, N. C	Robert Brown, Adelaide	6	2		8				1	12	35	47
Summerfield	W. H. Wilson, Madison, N. C	J. N. Winchester, Scalesville	16			16					19	36	55
Shiloh		Wm. Lea, Hamer	2	1	2	5	7	4	2	13	59	88	147
Trinity	C. A. G. Thomas, Yanceyville, N. C,	Thos. Slade, Lenox Castle							1	1	13	23	36
Yanceyville	C. A. G. Thomas, Yanceyville, N. C.	B. S. Graves, Yanceyville	2	1		3	2	3	3	8	37	85	122
			135	49	10	194	40	26	20	91	471	962	1454

Sabbath of Preaching—Beaver Island, 2nd; Clement, 4th; Ephesus, 1st; Greensboro, every; Kerr's Chapel, 3rd; Madison, 4th; Providence, 4th; Reidsville, 1st, 2nd and 4th; Sharon, 3rd; Summerfield, 1st; Trinity, 2nd; Yanceyville, 1st and 3rd.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Minute Fund.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Other Objects.	Baptist Orphanage.	Associational Missions.
Beaver Island	$	$ 1 00	$ 10 00	$	$	$	$ 15 00	$ 4 00	
Beulah	125 00	60	8 90	4 00	1 00	1 00	6 00		
Buchanan									
Clement	150 00	3 00	16 47		23 39	15 00	1000 00	6 00	5 00
Ephesus	200 00	3 00	30 00	3 45	15 00	15 00	105 50	25 00	5 00
Elm Grove									
Greensboro	800 00	1 50	15 17		15 00	16 80	5614 98	20 05	5 00
Kerr's Chapel		2 00		5 45	5 17	5 00			
Madison	100 00	1 00	12 25	1 00	10 00		24 00	8 25	5 00
Milton		2 00	6 62½	4 62½	4 62½	4 62½			
Providence	100 00	1 85	12 00		3 90				10 00
Reidsville	500 00	3 00	50 00		115 00	30 00	75 50	30 00	50 00
Sharon	35 00	1 00	5 00		1 50	1 00		2 77	5 00
Summerfield		1 15	7 50	1 50	5 00	7 00		3 00	
Shiloh	200 00	2 00	4 25			4 76	12 00		
Trinity	175 00	2 00	1 50	4 30	4 00				15 00
Yanceyville	300 00	2 60	17 54	15 10	53 21	5 00	252 20	4 00	5 00
	$2885 00	$ 27 70							

The above facts are gotten from the letters sent up by the different churches to the Association.

TABLE OF PLEDGES.

CHURCHES.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Associat'al Missions.
1. Beaver Island	$ 5 00	$ 10 00	$ 5 00
2. Beulah		10 00	15 00
3. Buchanan			
4. Clement	12 50	5 00	10 00
5. Ephesus	20 00	30 00	30 00
6. Elm Grove			
7. Greensboro	15 00	15 00	10 00
8. Kerr's Chapel	10 00	5 00	15 00
9. Madison	15 00	20 00	10 00
10. Milton	5 00	10 00	5 00
11. Providence	10 00	15 00	15 00
12. Reidsville	100 00	50 00	100 00
13. Sharon	5 00	5 00	5 00
14. Summerfield	5 00	5 00	10 00
15. Shiloh		20 00	10 00
16. Trinity	10 00	15 00	10 00
17. Yanceyville	25 00	15 00	20 00
18. Lea Bethel			5 00
	$ 237 50	$ 230 00	$ 275 00

TABLE OF INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES.

Name.	*Post Office.*	*Am't.*
Dr. C. A. Rominger	Reidsville, N. C	$10 00
Rev. W. L. Wright	" "	5 00
H. K. Reid	" "	10 00
M. A. Allen	" "	5 00
G. V. Wood	" "	5 00
Bro. Powell	" "	5 00
W. T. Baynes	" "	5 00
A. J. Smith	" "	3 00
Mrs. Rominger	" "	1 00
Mrs. Reid	" "	1 00
Miss Lillie Morrison	" "	1 00
Miss Ellie Frost	" "	1 00
J. N. Hopkins	" "	2 00
Miss Mary Williamson	" "	1 00
J. J. Yarbrough	Milton, "	5 00
Spencer B. Adams	Yanceyville, "	10 00
P. N. Howard	" "	5 00
Thomas Slade	Lenox Castle, "	1 00
Rev. W. H. Wilson	Madison, "	5 00
J. L. Neal	Reidsville, "	2 00
Total		$83 00

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be called the BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ART. 2. This Association shall be composed of first all the ordained ministers who are members of or have the pastoral charge of the churches within this Association district, who shall be members of the Association, *ex-officio;* secondly, not more than three delegates from each church within the district aforesaid, who shall produce letters from the churches certifying their appointments, in which said letters from the said churches—showing their additions, losses and changes of membership, since the last annual Association.

ART. 3. The Association shall be held at least once a year at such time and place as they may appoint; and shall be opened and closed with prayer.

ART. 4. The officers of the Association shall be a moderator, one clerk and treasurer; the two last officers, however, may be held by the same individual, should such be the pleasure of the Association.

ART. 5. The officers aforesaid shall be chosen at each annual session of the Association, by ballot or nomination, as may be the pleasure of a majority of the members, and the clerk shall be eligible to continue in office until another is appointed; and shall at all times perform the duties of treasurer, unless another individual be appointed to the latter office.

ART. 6. The Association shall have no right to interfere with the internal regulation of the churches, but may tender them advice, and in case any of them should become corrupt in doctrine or practice exclude such from their fellowship; and shall also have the power to adopt such measures as may be deemed proper to promote the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom.

ART. 7. All committees shall be appointed by the moderator, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

ART. 8. All committees of arrangements shall be appointed, of which the moderator and clerk shall be members *ex-officio.*

ART. 9. It shall be the duty of the committee of arrangements to prepare the business of the Association, and to consider the expediency or inexpediency of bringing any matter before the Association. The action of the committee, however, in relation to any matter shall not be conclusive; and any matter or proposition of which may be rejected by them, may be brought before the Association by any member thereof, who may not concur in that decision.

ART. 10. It shall be the duty of the Association to deliberate on the matter prepared by the committee, whether queries or propositions from the churches, or suggestions from the committee, and to make such responses, and to offer such counsels as may be deemed fit and proper.

ART. 11. The Association may invite Baptist ministers (who may be present) to a seat in their body, who shall be admitted to the privileges of converse and debate only.

ART. 12. An executive committee, consisting of five brethren shall be appointed at each session of the Association; which committee shall direct the missionary operation of the Association and make an annual repori of its proceedings to this body. Three of these brethren shall constitute a quorum for business, and all money sent up these churches for Associational missions shall be paid over to this committee.

ART. 13. The constitution may be altered or amended at the annual meeting of the Association, by a vote of two-thirds of the whole body.

ART. 14. The power of appointing Presbyteries for the ordination of ministers and the constitution of churches within this district, shall be vested in this Association. And it shall be the duty of the Association at each annual session to appoint a standing presbytery to all requests from the churches relating to these matters during the succeeding Associational year, and until a new Presbytery be appointed.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The moderator shall take the chair every day during the session, at the hour appointed at the adjournment, and call the minutes of the preceding day to be read.

2. He shall preserve decorum order, shall decide question of order, subject to an appeal to the Association by any member.

3. He shall rise to put a question, but may state it sitting. He shall have the right to call any member to perform the duties of the chair temporarily.

4. The moderator shall not vote on any question, unless the Association be equally divided

5. He shall not speak in debate while occupying the chair, but may call another to the chair, and then he shall have the privilege of speaking in common with any other member.

6. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Association, he shall rise and address himself to the moderator.

7. When two or more members rise at the same time, the modarator shall name the person to speak first.

8. No man shall speak more than twice on the same question, without leave of the Association.

9 No member shall absent himself, finally from the Association without leave.

10. Decency of speech shall be observed, and personal reflections avoided.

11. While the moderator is putting any question, or addressing the Association, no person shall speak stand up or walk out or across the house; nor when a member is speaking, entertain private discourse. stand up, or pass between him and the moderator.

12. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to a day certain, to commit or amend, which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand arranged.

13. All committees shall consist of three members, unless otherwise ordered by the Association.

14. A select committee shall be appointed on the first day of the Association, to select the ministers who are to preach on Saturday the succeeding days of the meeting, and give notice thereof to the respective ministers, whose duty it shall be to conform to the arrangements thus made.

15. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be put by the moderator, unless withdrawn by the mover.

16. No standing rules shall be rescinded, altered or suspended, unless by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

17. The Constitution and Rules of Order and Decorum shall be read on Saturday of each session of this Association.

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DR. C. A. ROMINGER, Moderator, Reidsville, N. C.
W. L. WRIGHT, Clerk, Reidsville, N. C.
P. N. HOWARD, Treasurer, Yanceyville, N. C.

List of Ordained Ministers.

J. J. James,	Yanceyville,	N. C.
J. H. Vernon,	Longs X Roads,	“
W. R. Gwaltney,	Greensboro,	“
J. H. Lamberth,	Roxboro,	“
W. H. Wilson,	Madison,	“
R. R. Moore,	Greensboro,	“
J. R. Jones,	Milton,	“
C. A. G. Thomas,	Yanceyville,	“
W. L. Wright,	Reidsville,	“

Executive Board.

C. A. Rominger, Chm'n, M. A. Allen, Treas. H K. Reid, A. S. Graves, and Dr. J. W. Winchester.

PROCEEDINGS

YANCEYVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH,
Yanceyville, N. C., Aug. 9th, 1888.

The Beulah Baptist Association meets in its Fifty-Fourth Annual Session.

The Introductory Sermon is preached according to appointment by Rev. J. H. Lamberth, from I Timothy, 4: 8.

AFTERNOON.

The Moderator reads the 23d Psalm. and Rev. J. W. Williams leads in prayer.

The letters from the churches are read, and the names of delegates recorded as follows :

1. *Beaver Island*,—Jas. A, Highfield, John R. Smith and Jas. T. Vernon.
2. *Beulah.*—T. L. Lea, J. C. King and W. T. Pentecost.
3. *Buchannan.*—Not represented.
4. *Clement* —J. E. Harris, D. H. Howard, and C. R. Vernon,
5. *Ephesus.*—W. M. Faulkner, J. L. Williams and J. W. Bennett.
6. *Elm Grove.*—Not represented.
7. *Greensboro.*—A. G. Newell, J E. White, T. C. Matthews.
8. *Kerrs' Chapel*—B. F. Hurdle, W. S. Walker, Henry Pool.
9. *Madison*—D. W Busick, Willie Pool. Thomas Pratt.
10. *Milton*—J. J. Yarboro, George H. Wash, Joel B. Walters, Jr.
11. *Providence*—Silas T. Ware, Jas. Williams, E. G. Carington.
12. *Reidsville.*—S. H. Ware, A. P. Hawkins and W. M. Smiley.
13. *Sharow.*—W. A. Miller, A. L. Cummings and Robt. Brown.
14. *Summerfield*—J. A, Wilson, Wm. Cummings, J. L. Lane.
15. *Shiloh* - J. E. Jordan, R. E. Powell and D. J. B. Moore.
16. *Trinity* -Az. Graves, Sr., C. J. Yarboro and P. N. Howard,
17. *Yanceyville*—Jas. Poteat, W. B. Graves and B. Lownes.

Dr, C. A. Rominger is re-elected Moderator, and Rev. W. L. Wright, Clerk.

Bro. P. N. Howard is re-elected treasurer.

The hours of meeting and adjourning are named as follows:

Meet 9:30 a. m.
Adj. 12:00 m.
Meet 2:30 p. m.
Adj. at will.
Meet 8:15 p. m.
Adj. at will.

The Chair announces the following committees, viz:

Periodical—Dr. C. T, Bailey and Bro. J. H. Mills.
State Missions—Rev. C. Durham and Rev. W. R. Gwaltney.
Foreign Missions:—Rev. W. L. Wright and B. S. Graves.
Baptist Orphanage—Rev W. R. Gwaltney and W. W. Wilkerson,
Obituaries—Azariah Graves and P. N. Howard.
Finance—Rev. J. H. Vernon, C. J. Yarboro and W. M. Smiley,
Home Missions, S, B. C.—Rev. C. A. G. Thomas.

The Moderator calls for visitors present to report; the following brethren responded to-wit: Rev. C. T. Bailey, Editor of the Biblical Recorder; Rev. Jno. Mitchell, representing ministerial education; Rev. C. Durham, cor. sec. of the State convention; Rev. F, H. Jones, from Roanoke Ass. Va.; Bro. J. L. King, from Dan River Association, Va.; Rev. W. F. Watson, from Thomasville Female College; Rev. J. D. Newton, from Mecklenburg and Cabarrus; Rev. J. W. Williams from Tar River, Ass.; Bro. A. T. Denny, from Flat River Ass.; Bro. J. H. Mills, from Baptist Orphanage; Rev. J. R. Moffett, North Danville.

On motion of Bro. Lamberth, State Missions is made the special order for 10 a. m. to-morrow.

The Pastor announces that Rev. W. F. Watson will preach at 8:15 to-night.

Prayer by Rev. W. R. Gwaltney,

On motion, adjourned.

Benediction, Rev. J. D. Newton.

FRIDAY 9:30.

Devotional exercises for thirty minutes, led by Rev. J. D. Newton.

ROLL CALLED.

Letters from Milton and Summerfield read.

The following visitors are welcomed to seats: Prof. F. P. Hobgood, Oxford, Rev. J. R. Moffett, North Danville, and W. B Wingate, Roxobel.

Report on State Missions is read by Rev C. Durham.

STATE MISSIONS.

The state mission work is constantly growing. The needs in men and means are large. Our opportunities are many. Our faith and determination should be equal to the demands. The Board, since the convention in Durham, has commissioned 83 missionaries and 11 colporters. These have done a good work, and have been greatly blessed of the Lord. We are glad that the churches of this association have done so well in their contributions to this work. When such men as E. P. Ellington, R. R. Moore, J. R. Jones and W. R. Gwaltney are the representatives of this Board, within its bounds, the Association can but feel that this work is being wisely done. Let us enlarge. Let us make greater sacrifices. Let us see and wisely use the opportunities now open before us.

C. DURHAM.
W. B. GRAVES.

Pending the motion to adopt, verbal reports of the Association are made.

Rev W. R. Gwaltney speaks of the work in Greensboro and in Guilford county, and of the work of Bro. Ellington in that field.

Bro. R. R. Moore gives an account of his work at different points, and reports a lot secured and a house of worship nearly completed at one point.

Bro. J. R. Jones speaks hopefully of the work at Lea Bethel.

Rev. C. Durham speaks at length and with deep interest upon the work in the State.

On motion of Bro. Gwaltney, the pledges for the State and Associational missions are combined.

The following pledges are made for State missions for the ensuing Associational year.

Beaver Island,	$15	Beulah	$30
Clement	20	Ephesus	60
Greensboro	50	Kerr's Chapel	20
Madison	35	Milton	20
Providence	30	Reidsville	100
Sharon	10	Summerfield	7
Shiloh	30	Trinity	25
Yanceyville	25	Lea Bethel	10
		Total	$487

Report adopted.

Rev. J. R. Jones calls attention to the need of a parsonage in Milton.

Rev. C. Durham speaks of the Gospel Herald.

Rev. J. D. Newton presents the claims of Concord.

On motion adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Minutes read and approved.

Prof. J. T. Averett, of Roanoke Female College, accepts an invitation to a seat in the body.

The Chair appoints as committee on time and place, the Rev. W. R. Gwaltney, Rev. J. H. Lamberth and Bro. W. G. Graves.

On motion the report on education is called for and read by Rev. John Mitchell, as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Our Baptist people were never more alive than now, to the importance of education, and the opportunities and facilities afforded them were never better than now.

Wake Forest College is growing in favor and efficiency, and is now better prepared than ever before to do its work for the denomination and the State. Three new professors have recently been added to the faculty viz. A. L. Puronton, Prof. of Chemistry; J. B. Carlisle, Ast. Prof. of Languages, and B. F. Sledd, Prof. of Modern Languages.

The number of students enrolled last sessoin was 213, the largest number ever reached during the history of the college and the prospects are good for a still larger number next session.

Our academies over the State are increasing in numbers and efficiency, and many of them, and some of the best equipped among them, are controlled by our own people. Female education is also receiving marked attention, and at Murfreesboro, at Oxford, at Thomasville, at Shelby and other places rare opportunities are offered for the education of our girls.

Ministerial education is also in favor with our people, and its importance is being felt now as never before. Our fathers were wise in making it one of the primary objects of the convention, "to educate young men called of God to the ministry, and approved by the churches to which they belong." God's blessing has been upon this work, and the success hitherto has been encouraging. Many of our most useful aggressive and conservative ministers at home and abroad have been aided by the Board of Education.

The number on the Board last session was 39. There are many, many applications for aid before the Board now, and it is hoped that the contributions from the brethren will be sufficient to enable the Board to do a larger work than ever before. Respectfully submitted,

J. MITCHELL, Chairman,

The subject of ministerial education is discussed by Rev. Jno. Mitchell,

Female education was discussed by Professors Averett, Watson and Hobgood, and the education of young men who are not ministers by Rev. W. B. Wingate.

The following amounts are pledged for the coming associational year for ministerial Education.

Beaver Island,	$ 5	Reidsville	$50
Beulah,	10	Sharon,	3
Clement,	15	Summerfield,	4
Ephesus,	15	Shiloh,	15
Greensboro,	15	Trinity,	10
Kerr's Chapel,	5	Yanceyville,	10
Madison	10	Lea Bethel,	3
Milton,	5		
Providence,	5	Total	$1.80

On motion the report is adopted.

On motion the Baptist Orphanage is made the special order for 11 a. m., to-morrow.

On motion Foreign Missions is made the special order for 10 a. m. to-morrow,

On motion of Bro. Thomas, Dr. C. A. Rominger is elected our Associational delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, to meet in Memphis, Tenn.

Bro. C. A. G. Thomas reads the report on Home Missions of the S. B. C. as follows:

HOME MISSIONS OF THE S. B. C.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is doing a grand work in spreading the Gospel in this Southern land. In comparison with the work of the Home Mission Society of the North, there is much cause for gratitude and encouragement. Though we have less than one-half the number of missionaries in the field, and spend less than one-third of the money, yet the number of baptisms and churches organized is two-foldgreater.

We have 287 missionaries supplementing the work in several of the older States, and supplying the destitution in the South, Southwest and Cuba, occupying in all 1,114 churches and stations. The work in Cuba is an example of the marvelous, progress and wonderful power of the Gospel of Christ. Some of the greatest victories of modern missions have been gained in Cuba. In two years with an expenditure of only $5,762 there have been organized six churches with 1,100 members,and Sunday-School with 2,500 teachers and pupils. Last year in Cuba the baptisms numbered 800, and the applications for membership, 8,000. We urge the brethren to increase the contributions. The Board asks $5,000 of North Carolina this conventional year. Let us earnestly strive to raise this. We urge the pastor to bring the claims of this Board before the church. We recommend the representatives of this Board in the churches to persevere in this work. Rev. A. G. McManaway of Charlotte, will give all the necessary information concerning this work.

List of those with whom Rev. A. G. McManaway may correspond:

Beaver Island—J. A. Vernon, Mayo, N. C.
Beulah—J. C. King, Hamer, N. C.
Clement—J. B. Pleasant, Long's X Roads, N. C.

Ephesus—J. P. Woody, Mt. Carmel, Va.
Greensboro,—W. H. Wakefield, Greensboro, N. C.
Kerr's Chapel—J. H. Hurdle, Anderson's Store, N. C.
Madison—T. B. Lindsay, Madison, N. C
Milton—J. J. Yarboro, Yarbro, N. C.
Providence—W. W. Wilkerson, Purley N. C.
Reidsville—H. K. Reid, Reidsville, N. C
Sharon—Rob't Brown, Adelaide, N, C.
Summerfield—D. J. W. Winchester, Scalesville, N. C.
Shiloh—W. G, Graves, Hamer, N. C.
Trinity—P. N. Howard, Yanceyville, N. C.
Yanceyville—S B. Adams, Yanceyville, N. C.

The subject is discussed by Rev. J. R. Moffett, Rev. J. R. Jones and Rev. W. R. Gwaltney,

Report adopted.

The Chair appoints Com. to name new Ex. Bd,

On motion adjourned.

SATURDAY 9:30.

Devotional exercises for 30 minutes led by the moderator.

Bro. Thomas reports for Com. to nominate the Executive Board for the coming year.

Your Committee name for the new Ex, Bd.—Dr. C. A. Rominger, Chmn.; M. A. Allen, Treas.; H. K. Reid, A. S. Graves and Dr. J. W. Winchester.

Respectfully,
C. A. G. THOMAS,
J. R. JONES,
W. R. GWALTNEY,
W. G. GRAVES,
W. W. WILKERSON.

Report on Periodicals is read as follows:

REPORT ON PERIODICAL.

Those who fear the Lord should talk often with each other; should cheer, instruct and confirm each other. Those who labor in the same field should consult, assist and cooperate with each other. Hence religious papers are a necessity to christian people. We therefore advise that all our people read the Biblical Recorder for general religious information and the advancement of denominational interests; the Gospel Herald and Foreign Mission Journal to emphasis the great commission and to call special attention to inviting fields; Charity and Children, for information in regard to charity work and the care of dependent children, and the Wake Forest Student, for fresh thoughts in regard to young men in our schools. These papers should have a large circulation to accomplish the greatest good.

C. T. BAILEY,
J. H. MILLS.

The report is discussed by Rev. C. T. Bailey and Rev. J. J. James and adopted

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REPORT on Time and Place read as follows:

Your Committee on time and place, recommend Madison, N. C., Thursday before the 2nd Sunday in August 1888. (Changed to Tuesday by a resolution adopted later.)

To preach the introductory sermon, Rev. W. L. Wright, Alternate, Rev. J. R. Jones.

Respectfully,

W. R. GWALTNEY,
W. T. GRAVES,
J. H. LAMBERTH,

Report on Foreign Missisons is read and discussed by Brother Wright and Durham.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Mission work is simply obedience to our Savior's last and great command. Foreign Mission work is what we do furthest from home and for those in greatest darkness. Our churches through various agencies are trying to "go into all the world" and have missionaries in the associations, the States, the territories, in Cuba, Mexico, Brazil, Italy and China.

LOSS BY DEATH

God has called to their reward during the last year, Bro. E. E. Devault, Sister Jane W. Graves and our own beloved Yates, all from China.

REINFORCEMENTS.

The following appointments have been made by the Board during the past year, Rev. T. C Britton, L. N. Chapell and E. F. Tatum, of N. C., to China; Rev. A. B. Rudd, of Va. field not determined; Rev. J. A. Branson, of S. C. to China; Rev. T. L. Leaugue, of S. C. to Mexico; Rev. W. T. Lumley, of Miss. to Africa; Rev. A. C. Watkins, of Miss. field not determined; Rev. J. G Chastian, of Miss. to Mexico; Rev. H. R. Moseley, of S. C., to Mexico; Rev. J. A. Barker, of Va., to Brazil; Miss Lillian Wright, of N. C., as teacher in Maderio Institute Mexico; Miss L. C. Cabiness, of Va., as teacher in same field; Miss Fannie E. Russell, of Va. to Guadalajara.

So while it is true that God buries some of His workers, it is also true that He calls others and carries on his work.

WHAT WE ARE DOING,

Our State gave to foreign missions from April 30th, 1887, to April 30th, 1888, $7,789.31. The churches of the Beulah Association, report as given for the year ending August 1st, 1888, $254,71

SOME REFLECTIONS.

1. There should be more sermons and addresses on missions in our churches and Sunday schools.

2. Every church should have some system by which a contribution, intelligently given, may be secured from every member.

3. The Foreign Mission Journal is greatly improved and should be in every home.

4. God is in a wonderful way removing the barriers to heathen lands and making the heathen ready for the Gospel.

5. Our greatly increased number of workers will demand larger contributions.

6. Brother, sister, what did you give last year to this great object? What will you give next year?

7. God commands you and me either to go ourselves or to help those who do go.

W. L. WRIGHT,
B. S. GRAVES,

Report adopted and pledges made for the next year.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Beaver Island	$5	Reidsville	100
Beulah	5	Sharon	5
Clement	20	Summerfield	4
Ephesus	20	Shiloh	10
Greensboro.	15	Trinity	15
Kerr's Chapel	10	Yanceyville	25
Madison	15	Lea Bethel	2½
Milton	5		
Providence	—	Total	$256.50

Report on Baptist Orphanage is made and discussed by Bro. J. H. Mills.

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

The success of the Baptist Orphanage from its organization has been wonderful. God's favor is upon it, and the future is hopeful.

Its growth has exceeded the expectations of its most sanguine friends. There are now 92 children there; and, though considerably crowded, for the lack of room, all well and apparently cheerful and happy. More room is greatly needed. The Biggs building and the Mt. Zion building should be completed at once, and it is hoped that the means will be forthcoming. There are hundreds of poor, helpless, homeless orphans still uncared for, and other buildings will go up as soon as the means are at hand. Let us enlarge our contributions to this great and good work, and, for Jesus' sake, provide a home for the dear orphans among us, who are helpless and homeless.

W. R. GWALTNEY,
Chairman Committee.

Report adopted. A cash collection of $14.98 is taken.

On motion adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

Report of Finance Committee read and adopted.

REPORTON FINANCE.

	Foreign Missions	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Ass. Missions.	Bapt. Orphanage,	Minist'l Education	Minute Fund.
Beaver Island,	5.00		5.00	5,00			1.00
Beulah				5.93			1.50
Buchanan							
Clement			22.50	10.00	10.63	15.00	3.40
Ephesus			30.00				3.00
Elm Grove							
Kerr's Chapel	10.00			10.00		5.00	1.50
Madison,	2.00		15.75	5.00	6.00	5.00	2 00
Milton	5.00					5.00	1.00
Greensboro							2.15
Providence		2.50	2.25	5.00			1.77
Reidsville				47.00			4.00
Sharon							
Shiloh	5.10			6.37			1.64
Summerfield							1.20
Trinity							1.50
Yanceyville							2.25
Piney Mission,							
Total,	27.10	2.50	75.50	94.30	16,63	30,00	27.91

The Treasurer's Report is read and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To Balance on hand Associational Mission,	$ 1.00
To Am't Recd of Finance Com. " "	104.30
" " " " " State "	75.50
" " " " " Foreign "	27.10
" " " " " Home "	2.50
" " " " " Orphanage,	16 63
" " " " " Mins. Ed.	30,00
" " " " " Minutes,	27.91
Total,	$284.94

CONTRA.

By Amt. Paid Rev. J, R. Jones,	$10.00
By " " " J. H. Lamberth,	41.75
By " " " R. R. Moore,	52,55
By " " " C. Durham, S. M.	75.50
By " " " " F. M.	27.10
By " " " " Home M.	2.50
By " " " Dr. Mitchell, Minist'l Edu.	30.00
By " " " J. H, Mills, Orphanage,	16.63
By " " " Clerk, Minutes,	27.91
By " " " Balance,	1 00
Total,	$284.94

P. N. HOWARD,
Treasurer.

The Pastor makes announcements for preaching on tomorrow.

On motion of Rev. J. R. Jones, the thanks of the body are tendered to the Yanceyville church and community for their kind and liberal hospitality.

Bro. Thomas offers the following resolution which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved that this Association meet annually on Tuesday before the 2nd Sunday in August.

The moderator announces the following committees to prepare reports for the next session:

STATE MISSIONS.

Rev, W. R. Gwaltney and M. A. Allen.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Rev. W. L. Wright and P. N. Howard.

HOME MISSIONS OF THE S. B. C.

Rev. J. R. Jones and W. G. Graves.

BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

Rev. C. A. G. Thomas and S. B. Adams.

EDUCATION.

Rev. J. H, Lamberth and J. H. Vernon.

PERIODICALS.

Rev. W. H. Wilson and Dr. J. W. Winchester.

On motion adjourned to meet in Madison on Tuesday before the 2nd Sunday in August, 1889, at 11 A. M.

C. A. ROMINGER, MODERATOR.

W. L, WRIGHT, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	Baptized.	Received by letter.	Restored.	Total added.	Dismissed by letter.	Excluded.	Died	Total loss.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Beaver Island,	D. C. Taylor, Taylorsburg,	J. A. Vernon, Mayo.	6			6	4		2	2	27	61	88
Beulah,	J. R. Jones, Milton,	J. C. King, Hamer,							2	2	19	45	64
Buchanan,													
Clement,	J. H. Lamberth, Roxboro,	N. R. Villines, Bushy Fork,	10	13		13	7		4	11	39	61	100
Ephesus,	" " "	Jas. P. Woody, Mt. Carmel, Va.	3	12	1	16	13	3	3	19	61	118	179
Elm Grove,													
Greensboro,	W. R. Gwaltney, Greensboro,	W. W. Rowe, Greensboro,	30	14	2	46	9	1	1	11	74	89	163
Kerr's Chapel,	J H. Vernon, Long's X Roads.	T. Y. Baynes, Anderson's Store,						1	1	2	38	52	90
Madison,	W. H. Wilson, Madison,	T. B. Lindsay, Madison,	2	1		3	1			1	26	72	98
Milton,	J. R Jones, Milton,	J. J Yarbrough, Yarbro,	3			3	3			3	21	36	57
Providence,	S. G. Mason, Wyleisburg, Va,	A. C. Davis, Gatewood,	1	1		2	1		1	2	16	46	62
Reidsville,	W. L. Wright, Reidsville.	M. A. Allen, Reidsville,	21	13	5	39	4		4	8	82	139	221
Sharon,	W. H. Wilson, Madison.	Robert Brown, Adelaide,	7			7		3		3	12	40	52
Summerfield,	" "	J. L. Lane, Summerfield,	3			3	1			1	18	33	51
Shiloh,	J. R. Jones, Milton,	Wm. Lea, Hamer,		1		1	4	3	1	8	55	88	143
Trinity,	C. A. G. Thomas, Yanceyville,	Thos. Slade, Lenox Castle,	7	1		8	3			3	18	24	42
Yanceyville,	" "	B. S. Graves, Yanceyville.	1	2		3	15	2	3	20	27	80	107
			94	58	8	150	55	13	22	96	533	984	1517

SUNDAY OF PREACHING—Beaver Island, 1st; Beulah, 3rd; Buchanan, 4th; Clement, 4th; Ephesus, 1st; Elm Grove, – –; Greensboro, every; Kerr's Chapel, 3rd: Madison, 4th; Milton, 1st; Providence, 4th; Reidsville, 1st. 2nd and 3rd; Sharon, Friday before 3rd; Summerfield, 1st; Shiloh, 2nd; Trinity, ——; Yanceyville, ——.

FINANCIAL TABLE,

CHURCHES.	Pastor's salary.	Church Expenses.	Ministerial education.	State missions	Foreign missions.	Associational missions.	Home missions S. B. C.	Sunday-school board.	Building.	Baptist Orphanage.	Other objects.	Minute fund.	Total.
Beaver Island,			5 00		5 00	5 00						1 00	16 00
Beulah,	125 00			14 30	4 50	5 93					130 00	1 50	281 23
Buchanan,													
Clement,	150 00	6 00	15 00	27 50	16 74	10 00	5 00		1000 00	10 63	65 05	3 40	1309 32
Ephesus,	200 00	25 00	15 00	30 00	20 00	30 00	10 00					3 00	333 00
Elm Grove,													
Greensboro,	800 00	80 00	15 00	15 00	19 86	10 00	5 00		43 40	60 00	380 50	2 15	1439 36
Kerr's Chapel,			5 00		10 00	10 00	7 30					1 50	23 80
Madison,	100 00	13 38	5 00	15 75	15 00	5 00	2 00			20 25		2 00	197 38
Milton,	150 00	36 50	5 00	10 00	5 00	5 00	4 00		373 00			1 00	439 50
Providence,				4 55		5 00	3 30					1 77	14 62
Reidsville,	700 00	156 00	35 00	60 00	70 00	60 00	10 00		530 00	10 00	444 00	4 00	2079 00
Sharon,	35 00			5 00	5 00	5 00	2 00					1 00	53 00
Summerfield.	75 00		50 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	4 50		23 00			1 20	123 70
Shiloh,	150 00	12 00			10 00	6 37			28 80		5 78	1 64	212 59
Trinity.	200 00			12 00	10 00	8 55	5 00					1 50	237 05
Yanceyville,	300 00		18 50	31 32	58 61	20 00	24 00			18 38	105 39	2 00	580 21
	$2985 00	328 88	168 50	230 42	254 71	190 85	82 10		1298 20	119 26	830 72	28 66	7339 71

SUNDAY-SCHOOL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Number pupils.	Number officers and teachers.	Total.	Average attendance.	Number volumes in library.	Number *Kind Words*	Number *Baptist Teachers.*	Other papers.	Contributions.	Months open.	SUPERINTENDENT.	POST-OFFICE.
Beaver Island,				44							L. T. Highfield,	
Beulah,	55			35					5 00		J. C. King,	Hamer, N. C.
Buchanan,												
Clement,	58	8	66	35	50			62	14 89	12	D. H. Howard.	Bushy Fork, "
Ephesus,	82	10	92	40	15					8	W. C. Pulliam,	Woodburn, "
Elm Grove,												
Greensboro,	176	16	182	84		40	22	110	117 23	12	A. G. Newell.	Greensboro, "
Kerr's Chapel,												
Madison,	60	8	68	40			5	80	12 00		D. W. Busick,	Madison, "
Milton,	60	13	73	40					40 00			
Providence.												
Reidsville.	225	18	243	160					103 48	12	C. A. Rominger,	Reidsville, "
Sharon,	70	6	76	35				15		9		
Summerfield	40	6	46	30				38		12	J. L. Lane,	Summerfield, "
Shiloh,	54	8	62	35				15	7 90	6	J. B. Moore,	Milton. "
Trinity.	56	9	65						9 00	12	C. J. Yarboro,	Locust Hill, "
Yanceyville.	70		70	40					31 80	12	B. Lownes,	Yanceyville, "
	880	93	908	578	65	40	27	220	341 30	71		

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OFFICERS.

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EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Rev. W. L. Wright, Rev. W. R. Gwaltney,
Dr. F. P. Tucker.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. J. James	Yanceyville,	N. C.
J. H. Vernon	Anderson's Store,	"
W. R. Gwaltney	Greensboro,	"
J. H. Lamberth	Roxboro,	"
W. H. Wilson	Madison,	"
R. R. Moore	Greensboro,	"
J. R. Jones	Milton,	"
W. L. Wright	Reidsville,	"

MINUTES.

MADISON BAPTIST CHURCH,
TUESDAY, Aug. 6, 1889.

The Beulah Association meets in its Fifty-fifth Annual Session.

The Moderator not having arrived. Rev. J. H. Vernon moves that Rev. W. R. Gwaltney take the Chair for temporary organization.

Letters are read from the Churches and the names of delegates recorded.

Dr. C. A. Rominger is re-elected moderator, and Bro. J P. Poteat is elected Treasurer.

Visiting brethren are called upon to report. The following respond: Rev. J. A. Speight, of the editorial staff of the Biblical Recorder ; Rev. C. Durham, Cor. Sec. of the State Convention ; Rev. D. G. Taylor, Va. ; Rev. J. F Lancaster, Oak Ridge, N. C. ; Bro. Charlie Wilson, of Roxboro, and Rev. Mr. Hall, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Madison, N. C.

On motion of Rev. W. R. Gwaltney, State Missions is made the special order for to-morrow.

On motion of Rev. J. R. Jones, Home Missions of the S. B. C. is made the special order for 2 p. m. to-morrow.

A Communication is read from Rev. J. J. James with reference to our associational history.

Remarks upon the subject of this letter are made by Rev. C. Durham.

On motion of R. R. Moore, brethren James and Wright are appointed to collect and preserve materials for the history of our Association.

On motion the Clerk is directed to reply to Bro. James' letter on behalf of the Association.

The report on Periodicals is read by Rev. W. H. Wilson and discussed by Revs. Speight and others.

Hours of meeting set as follows: Meet 9 a. m., adjourn at 12 m. Meet at 2 p. m , adjourn at will.

On motion adjourned.

TUESDAY, 8 P. M.

The introductory sermon is preached by Rev. W. L. Wright, according to appointment. Text: Let him that heareth, say come. Rev. 22:17.

WEDNESDAY, 9 A. M.

The Moderator leads a devotional meeting for 30 minutes. Additional letters from the churches are read.

The roll is called and absentees marked.

The following named committees are appointed:

On Place and Preacher for next Session—Bro. L. C. Hester and Rev. J. R. Jones.

On Obituaries—Rev. J. H. Vernon, Rev. W. R. Gwaltney.

On Sunday Schools—Bro. R. S. Moore, Rev. W. H. Wilson and Rev. W. L. Wright.

On motion our Associational delegate is elected to the Southern Baptist Convention, Fort Worth, Tex. Dr. C. A. Rominger, delegate; Rev. W. R. Gwaltney, alternate.

The report on Education is read by Rev. J. H. Vernon and discussed by Rev. Jno. Mitchell, Rev. J. C. Stowall and Rev. W. R. Gwaltney. Pledges are made for next year. (See table of pledges.)

The report on State Missions is read by Rev. W. R. Gwaltney and discussed by Rev. C. Durham, Rev. W. R. Gwaltney and the Moderator. Pledges are made for the next year.

The Moderator appoints the committee to nominate the new Executive Board, viz. Rev. J, R, Jones.

On motion adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, 2 P. M.

Prayer by Rev. J. N. Stallings.

Minutes read and approved. Visiting brethren welcomed. The following respond: Rev. A. G. McMannaway, V. P, H. M. B'd., Bro. J. W. Oliver, Treas. Baptist Orphanage; Rev. J. N. Stallings, High Point Female College.

The report on Home Missions S. B. C. is read by Rev. J. R. Jones and discussed by Rev. J C. Stowall and Rev. A. G. McMannaway.

On motion Foreign Missions is made special order for 11 a. m to-morrow.

The Report on the Orphanage is read by Rev. W. R. Gwaltney and discussed by Bro. J. W, Oliver and Rev. W. R. Gwaltney. A collection amounting to $20.67 is taken.

On motion one person is named in each church to look after the orphanage work—to present its claims and raise funds in each church.

Committee on Place and Preacher report Clement and Beulah asking for the Association.

On motion Clement is chosen and to preach the introductory Rev. J. R. Jones; alternate, Rev. W. R Gwaltney.

On motion adjourned.

THURSDAY, 9. A. M.

Rev. J.R.Jones leads a devotional meeting for 30 minutes. Roll is called and minutes read and approved.

Rev. J.R. Jones reports the new Executive Board: Rev. W. L. Wright, Rev. W. R. Gwaltney, Dr. F P. Tucker.

Remarks on the mission work needed in our Association were made by Rev. W. R. Gwaltney and Rev. J H. Vernon.

On motion of Rev W. L. Wright, the resolutions upon the subject of temperance adopted at the last meeting of the S. B. Convention are endorsed by this Association and ordered to be inserted in the minutes, viz :

WHEREAS, The liquor traffic is a most powerful hindrance to the gospel of Christ and an aggressive enemy to social order; and

WHEREAS, This traffic is steadily encroaching upon all that Christian men revere and the human heart holds dear; and

WHEREAS, It seeks to destroy the Christian Sabbath and annihilate public morals and the public conscience; and

WHEREAS, All Christian bodies should speak out in no uncertain tones on this question; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Southern Baptists in Convention assembled. That we favor the speedy and entire prohibition of the liquor traffic ; that we oppose license for this traffic in any and all its forms, through which men buy the right to destroy human hope and happiness, and blight human souls as an offence against public morals and sin against God.

The report of the Treasurer is read and on motion adopted,

On motion of Rev. W.R. Gwaltney, the Treasurer is directed to pay a balance due our associational missionaries for services last year.

The report on Sunday Schools is read by Rev. W.L. Wright and discussed by Dr. C.A.Rominger, Rev. W.R. Gwaltney and Rev J. Stowall.

The report on Foreign Missions is read and discussed by Rev. J.R.Jones and Rev. W. L. Wright. Pledges are made for next year

The Pastor makes announcements.

Rev. J. N. Stallings speaks of female education and of High Point Female College.

The Moderator appoints committees to prepare report and *have them ready* for the next session.

State Missions—Rev. J. H. Lamberth, Rev. R. R. Moore.
Foreign Missions—Rev. W. R. Gwaltney, W. W. Rowe.
Home Missions S. B. C.—Rev.W.L.Wright, Dr. F.P Tucker.
Education—Rev. J. R .Jones, L. C. Hester:
Orphanage—M. A. Allen, Rev. W. H. Wilson,
Periodical Literature—Rev. J. H. Vernon, J. H. Hurdle.
Obituaries—Dr. L. G. Broughton, T. M. Tucker.

Sunday Schools—G. V. Wood, Henry Wakefield, Jr.

The following resolution is offered by Rev. W. L. Wright and unanimously adopted:

Resolaed, That the thanks of the Beulah Association are due and are hereby tendered to the citizens of Madison and vicinity for their kind hospitality, extended to the members and visitors to this meeting.

On motion, adjourned to meet with Clement Church, Person county, Tuesday before the second Sunday in August, 1890.
C. A. ROMINGER. *Moderator*.

W. L. WRIGHT, *Clerk*.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The field of the Home Mission Board embraces all the Southern States, the Indian Territory and Cuba. During the year ending May 1st, 1889, there were under the employment of this Board 328 missionaries ; 45 more than were in the field the preceding year. For the work done $159,985.00 was raised. Of this amount North Carolina white Baptists paid into the Treasury $1,514.14. Add to this $912 17 raised and expended by their missionaries in this State on their fields, and we have a total of $2,456.31 raised by the white Baptists of the State for Home Missions. Of the 328 missionaries employed by the Board 15 labored in Western North Carolina, and for their support $600 in cash was paid out of the Treasury. This amount, together with the $912,17 raised and expended by their missionaries in this State on their fields, makes a total of $1,512.17 expended in this State for home mission work.

The results of the work of last year that can be plainly counted are as follows: 8,402 accessions to the churches by letter and baptism, 58 houses of worship built, 328 churches and 343 Sunday schools organized, and thousands of Bibles, Testaments and Religious tracts distributed. But this is only a part of the good accomplished. We cannot estimate the vast amount of good done by these 328 servants of God in seed sowing, as from place to place and from house to house they went preaching the word of God. The results we see are only a small harvest gathered, while they were sowing the seeds for a yet greater harvest.

While the figures in this report are encouraging, a study of them brings to light one fact; that does not speak very well for the Baptists of this State, and that is, that we gave to home missions last year not quite two cents a head. We are glad to find, however, that we of the Beulah Association gave about five and one-half cents. But this is not enough for us to do, and in view of the importance of the work and of what we are able to do, your committee would urge the brethren to study the field of the Home Mission Board, to become more interested in this department of our work, and to enlarge their contributions to it. "Our Home Field," a paper published monthly at Atlanta, Ga., by the Home Mission Board, is an excellent help to the study of home missions, and we hereby recommend it. The price is twenty-five cents a year.

Brethren, the time has come when we must do more in this department of our work. Respectfully,

J. R. JONES.

STATE MISSIONS.

There are now eighty-four missionaries and fourteen colporters laboring under the direction of the State Mission Board. These fields of labor lie in town, city, village and country. The destitution which lies before them is very great, but they are taking possession of the land as rapidly as could be expected. The reports from all the fields are encouraging. From every quarter comes the report of conversions, baptisms, churches organized and meeting houses built. It is through the agency of our State Mission Board that the entire State is being supplied with the gospel as Baptists preach it. Let every church and every lover of the truth respond liberally to the calls of this Board.

W. R. GWALTNEY.

BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

Not quite four years ago the first orphan was admitted into this institution. One hundred and fifty-one fatherless children have been fed, clothed and trained here, and about twenty of them have been converted and baptized. There are now at the Orphanage one hundred and five, who are as healthy, bright and promising children as can be found in any school or in any home. And but for this home of the helpless, many of those already here would be wholly destitute of all proper training and greatly wanting in food and raiment, and most of the common comforts of life Others equally promising and equally needy are calling for admittance, that they may have food and raiment and that training which will give them some hope in the struggle for existence. To take care of these children of our dead brethren requires money. The expenses of this institution are current expenses; these not only run on continually, but they are increasing continually, and must go on increasing more and more, if we heed the piteous cries of all these helpless little ones; and who that loves our dear Lord and Saviour can fail to respond to such cries?

W. R. GWALTNEY.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

It is with pleasure and gratitude to God, that while we report progress in other branches of our associational and conventional work, we can announce a corresponding growth in the cause of education, both ministerial and general.—Notwithstanding this has been a hard year financially, owing to shortness of crops during 1888, the catalogue of our High Schools, Seminaries and Wake Forest College, show an increased attendance over any previous session. Wake Forest enrolled the past session 218 students; of that number about 40 were preparing for the ministry, and of these 34 received aid from the Board of Education.

The subject of Female Education is steadily receiving more and more attention from our people, and in the near future we hope to see our Seminaries at Oxford, Murfreesboro. High Point and elsewhere, crowded with young ladies preparing themselves for greater usefulness in life. We heartily commend these institutions of learning to the Baptists of the whole country and ask for them a larger share in their sympathy, patronage and prayers.

Respectfully submitted.

J. H. LAMBERTH,
J. H. VERNON,
Committee.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

A church without a Sunday School is like a carpenter without tools, and yet there are such anomalies in the Beulah Association. It is impossible for us to lead the Lord's hosts on to victory unless we drill them in the tactics of his blessed book. The Sunday School should outnumber the membership of the church, because many children of tender age and many unconverted people of mature age, are supposed to be in every school; and at least four-fifths of the members *can* attend, and are in duty bound to be there by virtue of their relationship to Christ. We as professing christians must open our eyes to our responsibilities here; lest eternity dawn upon us and we wake up to the awful realization that Christ has never known us.

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Every S. S. teaching God's word in purity.
Every church member in the S. S.

R. S. MOORE.
W. H. WILSON.
W. L. WRIGHT.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Christianity is essentially a missionary religion. When it ceases to be missionary it ceases to be Christ like. Missionaries are spreading the gospel tidings. Foreign Missions is the work done at a greater distance from home. The F.M. Board has work in the five continents of the world. The work is growing. Wonderful developments in many of the fields have been made in the past four years. For almost 40 years Brother and Sister Yates stood almost alone in representing N. C. Baptists to the heathen. To-day there are more than 20 native North Carolinians in the foreign field. For many years our contributions were in excess of our workers. Now the contributions from the churches in the State would not support the missionaries. We have been praying the Lord of the harvest for laborers. Now we should add to this prayer, "Lord, give us the 'grace in giving' to the support of the laborers who have been given in answer to prayer."

In view of the greatly increased number of missionaries and the need of church buildings, and of perfecting their equipment, the F. M. Board asks the churches for $150,000 during the present conventional year.

The quota for North Carolina is $13,000. Let every pastor and every member do his part and it will be raised. The men and money we send abroad are not lost to us at home. Yates' life in China was worth more to North Carolina than if it had been spent in North Carolina. The money intelligently and prayerfully given to the foreign field is a greater blessing *at home* than if spent at home. It is God's way, it is right. "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth. There is that withholdeth more than is meet, yet tendeth to poverty."

REFLECTIONS.

1. The Bible teaching as to the true moral condition of the heathen should be impressed.

2. Information in sermons, lessons, books, papers, cards of prayer and concert of prayer.

3. A system by which every church member shall be solicited to contribute.

Brethren, the time is short—

> "Time is flying,
> Souls are dying."

Eternity dawns! the record, *my record—yours*—will be unfolded. We can't afford to face God, having done nothing to rescue the lost millions of our fellow men.

Respectfully, W. L. Wright.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

It is with pleasure we report the continued success of the Biblical Recorder. It ought to have a wider circulation than it has had, for several reasons:

First. Because its doctrines and principles accord with the Bible.

Second. It is a great auxiliary to the spiritual growth of individual christians.

Third. It is impossible to develop a North Carolina Baptist church along the line of missionary and christian work generally without it.

We urge every North Carolina Baptist to take the Recorder.

For general information in regard to foreign mission work, we recommend the Foreign Mission Journal, and Charity and Children, for information about the Orphanage work. For information in regard to Schools and Colleges, no better paper can be read than the Wake Forest Student. For Sunday Schools we recommend Kind Words. The Kind Words, Teacher and Kind Words Quarterly.

Respectfully submitted.

W. H. Wilson, *Com'te.*

JAMES POTEAT.

James Poteat was born 1807 and died the 21st of Dec. 1888. He was converted in 1856 in a meeting held in Yanceyville by Rev. T. C. Teasdale, D. D. The night after his conversion his wife handed him the Bible and asked him to take up the cross at once. He read and led the family in prayer, and ever after that night he conducted family worship,and he generally asked his servants to join the family in their devotions. He had a comfortable chapel built for their religious instruction and employed Rev. Stinsey Ivey, then well known in this association, to preach for them regularly. He organized a Sabbath school, which he kept up until his removal to Yanceyville in 1870. For many years he was both deacon and clerk of his church, and was always a leader among his brethren. He was liberal in his contributions to all good causes. For a number of years he was a member of the Board of Trustees of Wake Forest College and attended its meeting until prevented by feeble health. For five years he presided over this body as moderator and declined re-election. He frequently attended the sessions of the Baptist State Convention and occasionally the session of the Southern Baptist Convention. He was with us at the last session of this Association and took great pleasure in entertaining many of the delegates and visitors. He has joined the association above and will never be with us here any more, but his influence and his works remain. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth ; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors ; for their works do follow them."

W. R. GWALTNEY, J. H. VERNON, *Committee.*

ELIZABETH WILLIS BANES

Elizabeth Willis Baynes, was born in Caswell county, N. C., March 5th, 1829, and died May 6th. 1889 ; was married to Z. A. Patillo in 1847, who, at the time of his death in 1852, was a licensed minister of the gospel She dated her conversion to the time the Beulah Association was held at Mt. Hermon in Orange Co., a year or two prior to her husband's death. She united with the Baptist church at Kerr's Chapel in 1853 and was baptized by Elder John Robertson, the pioneer missionary of the Western section of this body. Her home was the resting place of God's servants. In 1854 she was married to T. Y, Baynes. We believe her devoted life was largely instrumental in his conversion. In view of her useful life we believe she has received the crown promise to those who are faithful unto death.

J. H. VERNON, W. R. GWALTNEY, *Committee.*

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	TIME OF MEETING.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	Baptised.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded,	Died,	Males.	Females,	Total.
Beaver Island.	1st Sunday	D. G. Taylor, Taylorsburg, Va.	J. A. Vernon, Mayo, N, C,	2			1	8		25	57	82
Beulah,	3rd "	J. R. Jones, Milton, N. C.	J. C. King, Hamer, N C.	8	3	1		1	1	26	48	74
Buchanan,												
Clement.	4th Sunday.	J. H. Lamberth, Roxboro, N C	N. R. Villines, Hester's Store,	15	6	1	3	7	2	41	62	103
Ephesus,	1st "	" " " "	J. P. Woody, Mt. Carmel, Va.	21	1	1	9		1	69	123	199
Elm Grove,												
Greensboro,	Every Sunday.	W, R. Gwaltney, Greensboro,	W. W. Rowe, Greensboro, N.C	3	6	2	11	8	1	71	81	152
Kerr's Chapel.	3rd Sunday.	J. H. Vernon. Anderson's Store	T.Y. Baynes, Anderson's Store	7			1	1	2	38	52	90
Madison,	4th "	W. H. Wilson, Madison, N. C.	T. B. Lindsay, Douglas, N. C.		2				1	27	72	99
Milton,	1st & 2nd Sun.	J. R, Jones, Milton, N. C.	J. J. Yarbro, Yarbro, N. C.	8	9		3	5	1	18	40	58
Providence,		Rev.S.G.Mason,Wyliesburg,Va	A. C. Davis, Gatewood. N. C.							16	46	62
Reidsville,	Every Sunday.	W. L. Wright, Reidsville, N.C.	M. A. Allen, Reidsville, N. C.	25	20	1	17	1	6	86	161	247
Sharon,	Fri. bef're 3 S.	W. H. Wilson, Madison, N. C.	Robt. Brown, Adelaide, N. C.	3						12	43	55
Summerfield,	1st Sunday.	" " " "	J. L. Lane, Summerfield, "	1	2	1				21	34	55
Shiloh,	2nd "	J. R. Jones, Milton, N. C.,	Wm. Lea, Hamer, "	5		2	5	4	2	54	87	141
Trinity,			Thos. Slade, Lenox Castle, "				2			17	23	40
Yanceyville,	1st Sunday,		B. S. Graves, Yanceyville, "	1			2	1	1	19	76	95
LeaBethel, M'n		H. Lamberth, Roxboro, N.C.										
Ruffin, M'n												
				99	49	9	54	36	18	540	1005	1545

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's salary.	Incidental expenses.	Poor.	Minutes.	Repairs.	Other objects.	State missions.	Foreign missions.	Home missions.	Ministerial education.	Orphanage.	Total.
Beaver Island,				$1 00			$ 5 00	$ 5 00		$5 00		$ 16 00
Beulah,	$ 125 00	$ 12 00		1 50			13 85	5 00			$ 1 07	158 42
Buchanan,												
Clement,	150 00	5 13		3 25		$ 80 50	20 00	20 00		15 00	12 95	306 83
Ephesus.	200 00	10 00	$ 5 00	3 00			30 00	20 00	$15 00		30 91	313 91
Elm Grove,												
Greensboro,	800 00	203 51	28 58	2 00	$ 1 00	1304 54	50 00	15 00	10 53	17 57	26 75	2459 48
Kerr's Chapel,	72 00			1 75	1 50		20 00	3 60	5 00	5 00	1 75	110 60
Madison,	100 00	20 00		1 00			15 00	19 15	2 00		30 00	287 15
Milton,	150 00	35 00		1 50		86 00	22 50	5 00	5 00	5 50		310 50
Providence,												
Reidsville,	900 00	150 00	141 00	4 00	70 00	280 00	75 00	75 00	10 00	50 00	140 00	1895 00
Sharon,	40 00			60			5 00	2 50		1 50	2 00	51 60
Summerfield,	75 00			60			7 00	4 00	4 00	1 75	14 00	112 35
Shiloh,	150 00			1 50			22 00	10 00	5 75			189 25
Trinity,	175 00											175 00
Yanceyville,	200 00	30 00		2 00	20 25	400 00						652 25
Lea Bethel Mission,	41 00					51 50	10 00	2 00		1 70		106 20
Ruffin Mission,				50								50
	$3178 00	$465 64	$174 58	$24 20	$92 75	$1030 54	$295 35	$186 25	$57 28	$103 02	$239 43	$7145 79

PLEDGES FOR 1889 AND 1890.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Ministerial Education.	COMMITTEE ON ORPHANAGE.	COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.
Beaver Island,	$ 5 00	$ 5 00	$ 5 00		J. A. Vernon, Mayo, N. C.
Beulah,	30 00		10 00	Lucile Lea, Hamer, N. C.	J. C. King, Hamer, N. C.
Buchanan,					
Clement,	20 00	20 00	15 00	Mrs. N. E. Long, Bushy Fork. N. C.	N. R. Villines, Hester's Store, N. C.
Ephesus.	20 00	20 00	15 00	Miss S. R. Thom, Harmony, N. C.	J. P. Woody, Mt. Carmel, Va.
Elm Grove,					
Greensboro,	50 00	15 00	25 00	Mr. H. W. Dixon, Greensboro, N. C.	H. Wakefield, Jr., Greensboro, N. C.
Kerr's Chapel,	15 00	10 00	5 00	Miss Rattie Hurdle, Anderson's Store, N. C.	J. H. Hurdle, Anderson's Store, N. C.
Madison,	20 00	20 00	10 00	Miss Carrie Wall, Madison, N. C.	T. B. Lindsay, Madison, N. C.
Milton,	20 00		5 00	Miss Victoria Fergison, Milton, N. C.	Miss Emma Smith, Milton, N. C
Providence,					W. H. Wilkerson, Purley, N. C.
Reidsville,	75 00	75 00	75 00	Mrs. H. D. Gardiner, Reidsville, N. C.	Miss Suda G. Parrish, Reidsville, N. C.
Sharon,	5 00	4 00	3 00	Mr. W. A. Miller, Job, N. C	Robert Brown, Adelaide, N. C.
Summerfield,	7 00	4 00	4 00	Miss Maude Winchester, Scalesville, N. C.	Dr. J. W. Winchester, Scalesville, N. C.
Shiloh,	30 00		15 00	Miss Annie Roberts.	William Lea, Hamer. N. C.
Trinity,				Mrs. Thomas Slade, Lenox Castle, N. C.	P. N. Howard, Yanceyville, N. C.
Yanceyville,	25 00	25 00	10 00	Miss Mary Locket	S. B. Adams, " "
Lea Bethel Mission,	10 00	3 00		Miss Emma James.	Miss Annie Cooley, Mayfield, N. C.
Ruffin Mission,	10 00	5 00	3 00	Miss Mollie Hanes,	J. F. Harwood, Ridgeville, N C.
	$352 00	$206 00	$200 00		

TREASURER'S REPORT.

CHURCHES	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Baptist Orphanage.	Ministerial Education.	Minute Fund	Sunday-schools.	Total.
Beaver Island,	$ 5 00		$ 5 00		$5 00	$1 00		$16 00
Beulah,								
Buchanan,								
Clement,	20 00			$12 95		3 25		36 20
Ephesus,	20 00		4 00			3 00		27 00
Elm Grove,								
Greensboro,						2 00		2 00
Madison,	12 15	$ 2 00	15 00			1 00		30 15
Milton,	5 00	5 00				1 50		11 50
Providence,								
Reidsville,						4 00		4 00
Sharon,				2 00		60		2 60
Summerfield,			1 65		1 75	60		4 00
Shiloh,						1 50		1 50
Trinity,								
Yaneyville,	17 20					2 00		19 20
Lea Bethel Mission,	2 00		10 00		1 70			13 70
Kerr's Chapel,	3 60		20 00	1 75	5 00			32 10
Collection,				20 67		1 75		20 67
Ruffin Mission,	1 00	1 00	1 00					
	$85 95	$13 00	$56 65	$37 37	$13 45	$22 20		$223 62

To amount received for State Missions,	$56 65
" " " " Home "	8 00
" " " " Baptist Orphanage,	37.37
" " " " Education,	13.45
" " " " Minute Fund,	22.20
" " " " Foreign Missions,	85.95
Total amount of receipts,	$223.62

DISBURSEMENTS.

By amount paid R. R. Moore, missionary,	$ 41.54	
" " " J. R. Jones,	15.11	
" " " J. C. Stowell, Home Mission Board,	8.00	
" " " J D. Boushall, for Foreign Missions,	85 95	
" " " J. Mitchell, Education,	13.45	
" " " W. L. Wright, Minute Fund,	22.20	
" " " J. W. Oliver for Orphanage,	37.37	
Total amount of disbursements,	$223.62	
Balanced,	$223.62	$223 62

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES POTEAT, Treasurer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

CHURCHES.	Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	Total.	School Expenses.	Contributions.	No. of Quarterlies and papers taken.	Volumes in Library.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	POST OFFICE
Beaver Island,	6	58	64	$ 66				L. T. Highfill,	Mayo, N. C.
Beulah,	6	40	46	3 50				W. W. Slade.	Hycotee, N. C.
Buchanan,									
Clement,	8	40	48	11 52	$ 10 63	35	50	D. H. Howard,	Bushy Fork, N. C,
Ephesus,	7	72	79	10 00	3 00			W. C. Pulliam,	Woodburn, N. C.
Elm Grove.									
Greensboro,	25	221	246	73 56	134 90	310		R. L. Vernon,	Greensboro, N. C.
Kerr's Chapel,	3	53	56	1 00		12		T, Y. Baynes,	Anderson's Store,N.C
Madison,	9	40	49		25 00	42		D. W. Busick,	Madison, N. C.
Milton.	13	47	60	25 00	20 00	50	30	T. B. Jones,	Milton, N. C.
Providence,									
Reidsville.	12	208	220	105 00		220		C. A. Rominger	Reidsville, N. C.
Sharon,									
Summerfield,	6	45	51		5 00			J. L. Lane,	Summerfield, N. C.
Shiloh.	8	70	78	8 00	5 25	75		B. S. Barker,	Estelle, N. C.
Trinity,	8	40	48	10 00	1 69	45		J. C. Yarboro,	Locust Hill N. C.
Yanceyville,	9	67	76	14 60	37 19	110		B. Lownes,	Yanceyville, N. C.
Lea Bethel,									
Ruffin,									
	130	1011	1121	$262 25	$241 66	899	80		

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Reidsville, N. C., Oct. 26th. 1889.

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J. R. Howell,	Yanceyville

REVIEW FAST STEAM PRESSES, REIDSVILLE, N. C.

MINUTES.

CLEMENT CHURCH, PERSON CO., N. C.,
Tuesday, August 5, 1890.

The introductory sermon is preached by Rev. J. R. Jones, from II Corinthians, 6:1.

A recess of one hour was then given.

The Beulah Association meets in its 56th annual session. The Moderator reads John 14, and leads in prayer.

Letters are read and the names of delegates recorded as follows:

1. Beaver Island—No letter or delegates.
2. Beulah—T. L. Lea, Wm. R. Pleasant, T. A, Hudgis, R. W. Crumpton.
3. Buchanan—No letter or delagates.
4 Clement—T. K. Glenn, J. H. Henry, Jno. E. Harris.
5. Ephesus—W. A. Duncan, W. C. Pulliam, J. P. Woody.
6. Elm Grove—No letter or delegates.
7. Greensboro—W. R. Gwaltney.
8. Kerr's Chapel—L. E. Walker.
9. Madison—By letter, no delegates.
10. Milton—J. J. Yarbrough, G. H. Wash, J. R. Jones.
11. Providence—W. W. Wilkerson, no letter.
12 Reidsville—C. A. Rominger, W. L. Wright.
13. Sharon—Letter, no delegates.
14. Summerfield—Letter, no delegates.
15. Shiloh—J. Y. Thomas, W. H. Kersey.
16 Trinity—Azariah Graves, Jr.
17. Yanceyville—J. K. Howell, J. P. Poteat.
18. Lea Bethel—J. P. Howard, G. M. Burton.
19 Ruffin—F. P. Tucker, L. L. Harralson.

Dr. C. A. Rominger is re-elected Moderator by acclamation and addresses the Association with words of encouragement and call to duty.

On motion of Bro. Wright, F. P Tucker is elected Treasurer for this term, or until Bro. Poteat arrives.

On motion of Bro. Gwaltney a committee of three are appointed on petition of Ruffin and Lea

Bethel churches for admission into this body. Brethren Jones, Yarbrough and Gwaltney are appointed.

Visiting brethren called on to report—the following respond: Rev. J. A. Speight, of the Biblical Recorder; Prof. Carlyle, of Wake Forest College, representing the Board of Education; Prof. Brewer, of Wake Forest College; Rev. C. E. Taylor, President of Wake Forest College; Rev. A. T. Hoard, of Mt. Zion; Rev. S. F. Conrad, of Pilot Mountain; Rev. J. A. Beam, of the Flat River Association; Bro. H. A. Reams, of the Mt. Zion; Rev. W. E. Warren, from Flat River, and Bro. Wilburn, from the Dan River.

Committee reports favorable to the admission of Ruffin and Lea Bethel churches.

On motion these churches were received. The Moderator gave the hand of fellowship to the delegates.

The committee on religious exercises appointed during the session, pastor and deacons of Clement church. On motion the hours of meeting named are as follows:

MEET 9:30 A.M.;	ADJOURN 12:00 M.;
MEET 2:00 P.M.;	ADJOURN at will.

Report on periodicals read; pending motion to adopt remarks are made by brethren Speight, Conrad and Jones. The report is adopted.

Education is made special order for tomorrow at 11 A.M. Announcements.

On motion, adjourned. Prayer by Dr. Tavlor.

WEDNESDAY, 9:30 A.M.

One-half an hour spent in an interesting prayer and praise service led by Dr. Taylor, of W. F. C.

A good suggestion is made by Bro. Gwaltney about praying for God's blessing upon the speaking on reports.

Minutes read and approved.

Report on Home Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention is read. Pending motion to adopt remarks are made by Bro. Wright. By request of the Moderator, Bro. Durham led in a prayer for

Diaz, his work and the spread of the gospel.

Report on education read by Bro. J. R. Jones. Remarks are made by Bro. H. A. Foushee, Dr. Taylor, Bro. Jones, Prof. Carlyle, Bro. Beam and Prof. Penick, of Oxford Female Seminary.

Moved special order. Foreign missions at 10 A.M., State missions at 11 A.M. tomorrow.

AFTERNOON.

Visiting brethren called on to report. Rev. G. T. Watkins, missionary to China, reports himself and is welcomed.

Report of committee on time and place:

Place—Shiloh church, Caswell county;

Time—Tuesday before 2d Sunday in Aug. 1891.

Introductory sermon—Rev. W. L. Wright and Rev. R. R. Moore, alternate.

Report on Sunday-schools read; pending motion to adopt remarks were made by Brethren Kitchen, Brewer, Rominger and Speight. On motion adopted.

Report on State Missions read by Rev. J. H. Lamberth.

Report of Executive Board read by Rev. W. R. Gwaltney; pending motion to adopt it is discussed by Rev. C. Durham and others.

On motion a committee is appointed to ascertain the amount necessary for the church building at Ruffi. Brethren Gwaltney, Wright and Lamberth are appointed.

Prof. Crudup makes an announcement about High Point Female College.

Committee appointed to nominate new Executive Board report as follows: Dr. C. A. Rominger, Dr. F. P. Tucker and Rev. W. L. Wright.

On motion adjourned.

THURSDAY, 9:30 A.M

One-half an hour is spent in religious exercises, led by Bro. Conrad. Letter read from Summerfield church Visiting brethren invited to seats. Bro. Mills is present from the Orphanage.

Report on Foreign Missions is read by Bro.

Gwaltney. Pending motion to adopt, remarks were made by Brethren Gwaltney and J. K. Howell. Special order extended 30 minutes. Rev. G. T. Watkins under appointment to China and Rev. C. Durham address the body. Report adopted.

Rev. Mr. Wade, of the Presbyterian church, is recognized and welcomed to a seat.

Orphanage report read. Brethren J. H. Mills and Rev. C. Durham discuss the report.

A collection is taken up amounting to $30.12.

Rev. W. R. Gwaltney moves that the Executive Committee be instructed to consider the advantages of having a tent for the meetings of this body.

The committee on Ruffin church building offer their report. (See table of reports.)

Bro. Wright offered the following resolution:

Resolved, that the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby tendered to the people in the vicinity of Clement Church for their very liberal hospitality and kindness shown to the members and visitors to this body.

Prayer.

Choir sang, "Shall You? Shall I?" the congregation joined in.

THURSDAY, 2 P.M.

Rev. G. T. Watkins preached to a large congregation.

The Association is adjourned to time and place: Shiloh Tuesday before the 2nd Sunday in August 1890.

"Sweet By and Bye" and "God be With You Till we Meet Again," are sung, the parting hand is given and with tender emotions we leave these hallowed scenes.

Standing committee to prepare reports for next session and to *have them ready:*

Periodicals: J. R. Jones, J. J. Yarboro.
Education: W. L. Wright, M. A. Allen.
Home Missions: W. H. Wilson, T. B. Lindsay.
State Missions: Dr. F. P. Tucker, L. L. Harralson.
Foreign Mission: S. F. Conrad, A. T. Hoard.
Orphanage: J. H. Vernon, A. S. Graves.

Sunday-Schools: G. V. Wood, D. L. Blackburn.

STATE MISSIONS.

The State Mission work, under the wise management of Dr. C. Durham, is doing much towards supplying the long neglected section of North Carolina with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We have this year ninety missionaries on the various fields, through whose labors souls are saved, the people indoctrinated, new churches built, Sunday-schools organized and the Master's kingdom extended. While these faithful men of God are laboring on these hard mission fields, and their labors are being blest, we should remember that there is much destitution in the State yet, and that the command of our Lord, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," is binding on each one of us who proposes to be his disciple. Let each member in our churches, composing the Beulah Association, increase his contributions to and pray more earnestly for State Missions, during the coming year.

J. H. Lamberth
R. R. Moore.

REPORT OF EX-BOARD,

Your ex-committee submitted the following report of the work for the year now closing.

Bro. S. F. Conrad began work at Ruffin on Dec. last, the results of which will be seen in his report to the committee. (See report)

Bro. J. K. Howell began his labors at Lea Bethel in April, preaching once a month on Sunday, on the 2nd Sunday in June a church of seven members was organized by Brethren Howell and J. H. Vernon, which church, with the one at Ruffin was admitted temporarily as a member of this body. This little church has a Sunday-school of fifty-six scholars, which will keep open twelve months in a year.

W. N. Gwaltney,
F. P. Tucker.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The work of Foreign Missions presents many difficulties. The number of heathen is more than eight hundred millions and they are scattered over immense districts of the earth. Many of them are in low grades of civilization and many of them are savages. To give them the gospel, home and friends must be given up, oceans crossed, difficult languages mastered, ancient religions overturned and long cherished prejudices overcome.

To do this work, the churches and the men and women sent out, must have the spirit of Christ, be able to, "not my will but thine be done"—"here am I send me." But the darkness is breaking away, the work is encouraging.

The people are beginning to understand the work, to know when the fields and the men and women who occupy them: home opposition is rapidly giving away, and the churches are showing an increased interest in the work They gave over ten thousand dollars to the work last year more than the year before.

New missions are being established and hundreds of heathens converted every year.

The native churches on the foreign fields gave last year $4.680.87. And this is at the rate $2 00 per member, which is twenty times more per member to Foreign Missions than was given by members of the Southern Baptist Convention.

These are our encouragements and they are very great, but the greatest of all our encouragements are these, "Ask of me and I will give thee the heathen for thine inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession." And Christ's promise to his people, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" The outlook is as bright and encouraging as the everlasting promises of God. W. R. GWALTNY.

THOMASVILLE BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

There are now 128 children at the Orphanage.

And many others are begging us to take them. At least one hundred, as poor and destitute, and as deserving of our care and sympathy as those who at the Orphanage are crying for admittance. More room is needed and steps are being taken to erect another building. But the greatest need at present is the means to support those who are already there. At the annual meeting on the 30th of July the treasury was about empty. But this institution lies so near the hearts of all our people, that a knowledge of its wants is all that is necessary to call forth their liberality, for no child of God can hear the cry of an orphan child and not feel in his heart a ready response.

W. R. GWALTNEY.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The Baptists have always been the friends of the first interest of the people. In their history they have stood above in the interest of a pure Christianity, they have stood alone to combat error and they were first to begin the fulfilment of the great command, to publish the glad tidings of great peace. In these relations they have used every legitimate agent to advance the Redeemer's kingdom, one of which is the printing press. To this end we have the Biblical Recorder, the organ of the Baptists of the State to defend our every interest and to keep us informed of the progress of the Lord's kingdom all over the land. The Recorder is sound in doctrine, practical in its utterances and progressive in its spirit and as such we commend it to all our people.

J. H. VERNON.
J. H. HURDLE.

REPORT ON EDUCATION,

Your committee is happy to report steady advancement all along the educational front. Owing to the shortness of crops the past year has been a hard one, but our people have done nobly. Wake Forest College is now better managed than ever before. Her professors are devout christians and their influence in moulding the character of her students cannot be overestimated. Her catalogue shows over two hundred students. Twenty-nine young ministers received aid from the Education Board The Board, though, has been embarrassed for want of funds and has not given as much aid as was asked for. The churches should by all means increase their contribution to this noble object.

The different female schools under Baptist control at Oxford, High Point and Murfreesboro have all done well and are worthy of still greater patronage from our people. Respectfully submitted.

L. C. HESTER, J. R. JONES.

REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

This is the broadest sphere of Christian work. It lies at the very foundation of discipling the nations and hence deserves our careful study and consideration. Thousands of people call themselves Baptists and know not why they say they believe the Bible and yet they never study it. They call themselves missionary and give nothing to missions. They even call themselves Christians and have no Christ-likeness.

The real Sunday school indoctrinates the people, it familiarizes them with God's word, that makes them missionary in fact and hence makes them Chris-tlike. Much Sunday-school work has been and now is a mockery of religious work.

We need Superintendents and Teachers, consecrated, taught in God's word, and willing to sacrifice their time and energies to teaching the nations. We need old men and women in our schools, like Aquilla and Priscilla, Stephen and Phœbe and Louis and Eunice, who shall teach the young Apolloses the way more perfectly.

No one in this land has any excuse for such ignorance of God's word as we often see in our schools and churches. Let us wake up to the fact that if we know so little of God here in the great day he will declare, Depart, I know you not.

C. A. ROMINGER.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

This field embraces all the southern States, the Indian Territory and Cuba. A vast field and one that will bring forth an abundant harvest, both in time and eternity if faithfully cultivated. Our Home Board had in its employ last year among our native white population 270 missionaries, among the Indians 30 and has aided in the support of 45 colored missionaries in preaching to their own race.

The Levering mission school is in better condition financially than it has been for years.

The Board received last year from all sources, $171,076 22, and with this money and God's blessing, the following work and more has been done:

Churches and stations supplied	1,182
Sermons and addresses	38.741
Prayer meetings	7.219
Baptisms	4.477
Received by letter	3.621
Total additions	8.188
Sunday-schools organized	336
Teachers and pupils	12.426
Religious visits	53,019
Churches organized	267
Houses of worship built	84
Pages of tracts distributed	557.400
Bibles and Testaments given away	5.728

Who can estimate the value of these influences in time and eternity? How many souls have been saved through these agencies. How valuable their influence and work in this life; how glad their songs in heaven.

North Carolina gave last year, May 1st, '89--May 1st, '90—$2,598.93. In co-operative mission work expended for preaching on its own field. Western North Carolina raised $1,200 97. In building mission churches on its own field Western North Carolina gave $3,550 00. We need to support Foreign Missions, Home Missions of S. B. C.. State Missions, Associational Missions, Missions by churches and by individuals. We have missions under all these heads and yet the toilers who know and feel the needs say, "Master, we have done as we were bidden and yet there is room—" God has signally blessed this work, especially in Cuba, that stronghold of Catholicism. We have nearly 2,000 church members. The Board could wisely expend in Cuba all that is now given to the Home Missions.

Diaz in prison once at Santiago de Cuba. Singing in jail, baptizing jailor and mayor, life sought by an assassins hand, later an effort to bribe him to leave thirty thousand dollars offered, child stolen, in prison again, a day and night in the deep, picked up at sea. How all this reads like a chapter in missions in the first century; it *is* a chapter in the acts of one of the apostles in the nineteenth century, God's chosen vessel to bear the gospel to the Cubans.

God help us to support our brother in bonds.

W. L. WRIGHT, F. P. TUCKER.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

CHURCHES.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Baptist Orphanage.	Ministerial Education.	Minute Fund.	Total.
Beaver Island,	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
Beulah,			10 20			1 05	11 25
Buchanan,							
Ephesus,			5 00	25 35		3 50	33 85
Elm Grove,							
Greensboro,						3 25	3 25
Madison,							
Milton.						2 70	2 70
Providence.							
Reidsville,						5 00	5 00
Sharon.			3 50	1 00			4 50
Summerfield,						70	70
Shiloh,						1 80	1 80
Trinity.	5 75	2 00	5 75		1 25	1 50	16 25
Yanceyville.	9 67		14 66		10 00	1 50	35 83
Lea Bethell,	3 00		10 00			50	13 50
Kerr's Chapel.						1 51	1 51
Ruffin,						75	75
Clement,						4 00	4 00
Total,	$18 42	$2 00	$49 11	$26 35	$11 25	$27 76	$134 89

DISBURSEMENTS.

By amount paid J. H Mills for orphans,	$26 35
" " W. L. Wright, for Minutes,	27 76
" " J. D. Boushall, Foreign Missions,	18 42
" " " " " Home "	2 00
" " " " " State "	49 11
" " " " " Ministerial Education	11 25
Total amount of disbursements,	$134 89

Respectfully,
F. P. Tucker, Treas. pro tem.

Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	SUNDAY OF MEETING.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	Baptised	Received by Letter	Restored.	Dismissed by letter	Exchanged	Died.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Beaver Island	*			...	..	.	..	..	..	25	57	82
Beulah	3rd	J. R. Jones, Milton	J. C. King, Hamer	...	..	.	7	1	.	23	41	64
Buchanan				...	..	.	..	..	.	...	....	12
Clement	4th	J. H. Lamberth, Roxboro	N. R. Villines, Bushy Fork	17	..	2	12	3		47	62	109
Ephesus	1st	" " "	J. P. Woody, Alton, Va	25	16	.	5	4	4	80	131	211
Elm Grove	*			...	..	.	..	.	..	1	11	12
Greensboro	Every	W. R. Gwaltney, Greensboro	W. W. Rowe, Greensboro	5	57	.	11	[illegible]	4	74	92	166
Kerr's Chapel	4th	A. T. Hoard, Burlington	T. Y. Bayres, Anderson's Store	6	1	.	..	..	1	38	58	96
Lea Bethel	2d	J. K. Howell, Yanceyville	G. M. Burton, Ridgeville	...	7	.	..	..	.	2	5	7
Madison	4th	W. H. Wilson Madison	R. J. Lewellyn, Madison	10	0	.	2	1	..	37	73	110
Milton	1st	J. R. Jones, Milton	J. J. Yarbro, Yarbro	...	.	.	1	2	..	23	34	57
Providence	*		A. C. Davis, Gatewood	...	.	.	..	..	..	16	46	62
Reidsville	Every	W. L. Wright, Reidsville	M. A. Allen, Reidsville	30	14		3	4	2	92	174	266
Ruffin	1st	S. F. Conrad, Winston	F. P. Tucker, Ruffin	[illegible]	2	.	.	..	..	8	5	13
Sharon	3rd	W. H. Wilson, Madison	Rob't Brown, Adelaide	...	.	.	1	..	2	12	40	52
Summerfield	1st	" " "	J. L. Lane, Summerfield	...	..	4	..	1	..	18	32	50
Shiloh	2d	J. R. Jones, Milton	Wm. Lea, Hamer	[illegible]	5	.	4	4	2	54	89	143
Trinity	1st	J. K. Howell, Yanceyville	Thos Slade, Lenox Castle	...	..	.	.	..	1	18	22	40
Yanceyville	1st and 3rd	" " "	B. S. Graves	11	1	.	3	.	1	20	74	91
Total,				102	104	[illegible]	51	23	20	583	1040	1644

No letter—statistics from 1889.

Financial Table.

CHURCHES.	Amount actually paid Pastor.	Incidental Expenses.	Poor	Minutes	Repairs.	Other objects	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions—S. B.	Ministerial Education,	Orphans	Totals.	Members.	Average Contribution per Member.
Beaver Island,	no report	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	8	......
Beulah,	$150 00	$ 6 00	......	$ 1 05	......	......	$ 10 00	$ 7 00	$ 4 60	$ 6 52	......	$ 176 55	62	$ 2 75
Buchanan,	no report	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	1	......
Clement.	200 00	10 00	......	4 00	......	$ 64 00	20 00	23 00	15 00	15 00	$ 49 26	411 26	107	3 85
Ephesus.	200 00	31 00	$ 10 0	3 50	......	30 00	35 00	20 00	10 00	17 00	35 71	392 21	211	1 86
Elm Grove.	no report	......	......	......	......	......	......		......	......	......	......	1	......
Greensboro;	800 00	205 7	73 3-	3 25	$ 23 62	80 00	60 1	......	36 21	31 32	33 61	1502 16	16	9 05
Kerr's Chapel,	90 00	3 8	......	1 5	......	11 9	5 33	3 50	10 00	2 -5	3 80	120 26	9	1 23
Lea Bethel	50 00	......	......	50	......	......	10 00	3 00	......	......	......	63 50	7	0 07
Madison.	125 00	27 00	......	1 00	7 60	......	7 35	14 00	6 25	3 50	15 59	132 60	11	1 63
Milton,	175 00	45 0	......	1 70	93 50	3 25	13 00	10 40	5 25	5 05	......	365 19	57	6 42
Providence,	no report	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	62	......
Reidsville.	1000 00	120 0	50 00	5 00	500 00	8 30	75 00	75 00	50 00	75 00	145 00	3052 00	2	11 47
Ruffin,	......	......	......	75	......	151 80	10 00	5 00	2 00	3 00	5 00	175 5	13	13 50
Sharon,	40 00	......	......	......	......	......	3 00	4 00	2 00	3 00	1 00	53 50	52	1 03
Summerfield.	70 0	......	......	70	......	......	6 00	3 60	3 00	2 65	15 00	100 8	50	2 01
Shiloh	175 0	......	7 10	1 80	......	2 25	111 15	12 61	4 60	5 35	3 64	226 50	145	1 58
Trinity,	159 0	......	......	1 50	......	......	5 7	7 25	2 00	1 25	8 00	175 7	40	3 89
Yanceyville	200 0	......	......	1 50	......	......	25 0	25 00	......	10 00	......	361 50	94	3 84
Total	$3525 00	$524 65	$140 4	$ 29 36	$623 72	$357 53	$320 28	$213 36	$150 01	$159 54	$310 61	$7373 4	1644	$ 4 84

Table of Pledges.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Home Missions.	Orphanage.	Apportionment for Ruffin church building.
Beaver Island,						$ 5 00
Beulah,	$ 15 00	$ 5 00	$ 10 00	5 00		10 00
Buchanan,						15 00
Clement,	25 00	25 00	20 00	15 00		15 00
Ephesus,	35 00	25 00	20 00	12 00		
Elm Grove,						
Greensboro,	50 00	15 00	15 00	15 00		15 00
Kerr's Chapel,	10 00	10 00	5 00	5 00		10 00
Lea Bethell,	10 00	3 00	1 00	2 50		5 00
Madison,				3 00		10 00
Milton,	20 00	5 00	10 00	5 00		10 00
Providence.						
Reidsville,	75 00	75 00	100 00	50 00	$ 75 00	75 00
Ruffin,	10 00	5 00	3 00	4 00		
Sharon,	5 00	4 00	3 00			5 00
Summerfield,	6 00	4 00	3 00	3 00	15 00	10 00
Shiloh,	15 00	10 00	10 00	10 00		10 00
Trinity,	10 00	10 00				10 00
Yanceyville,	20 00	10 00	10 00	10 00		15 00
Total,	$ 306 00	$ 202 00	$ 229 00	$ 139 00	$ 90 00	$ 220 00

Sunday-School Statistics.

CHURCHES,	Officers & teachers.	Pupils.	Total.	Raised by school for all purposes.	Periodicals taken.	No. vols. in library	SUPERINTENDENTS.	POSTOFFICES.
Beaver Island,								
Buchanan,								
Beulah,	5	22	28	$ 1 50			J. C. King,	Hamer, N. C.
Clement,	7	40	49	9 49	73	50	D. H. Harwood,	Bushy Fork, N. C.
Ephesus,	10	90	100	17 00	100	35	W. C. Pulliam,	Woodburn, N. C.
Elm Grove.								
Greensboro.	27	275	302	194 93	340		R. L. Vernon, R. L. Weaver,	Greensboro, N. C.
Kerr's Chapel,	6	53	57	1 35	144		Henry Pool,	Union Ridge, N. C.
Lea Bethell,	4	50	60	7 00	25		N. R. Villines,	Bushy Fork, N. C.
Madison,	12	82	94	17 43	60	30	E. P. Ellington.	Madison, N. C.
Milton,	12	64	76	61 79	113	95	T. B. Jones,	Milton, N. C.
Providence,								
Reidsville,	22	204	226	137 00	371	210	C. A. Rominger,	Reidsville, N. C.
Ruffin,	4	40	34	6 90	45		F. P. Tucker.	Ruffin, N. C.
Sharon,								
Summerfield,	10	70	80	5 50	60		J. C. Lane,	Summerfield, N. C.
Shiloh,	6	50	560	6 50	26		B. S. Barker,	Estelle, N. C.
Trinity,	9	70		13 50	95		Thos. Slade, C. J. Yarboro,	Lenox Castle, Locust Hill, N. C.
Yanceyville,	12	68	80	39 04	60		B. Lownes,	Yanceyville, N. C.
Total,	148	974	1122	$ 393 93	1534	380		

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